

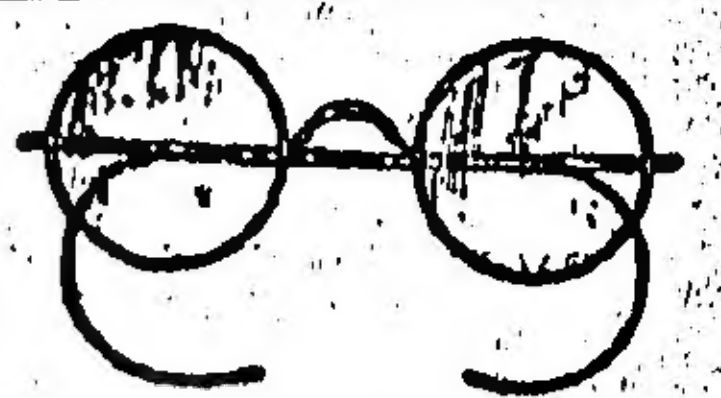
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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 17.)

Lecture by Mr. B. G. Birch on
"Some Notes on Histories and His-
torians," University Union Assem-
bly Room, 6.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, Tennis
Tournament:—

Open Singles:—

Semi-final: C. A. L. Rumbaja v.
S. A. Rumbaja.

Mixed Doubles:—

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Keary
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Mrs. Stark (scr.) v. Mr. and Mrs.
Blaker (scr. 2/0).

Queen's Theatre: "Strictly Un-
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ance" and "Hold Your Man."

Central Theatre: "The Laughing
Lady."

King's Theatre: "Animal Crack-
ers."

China Circus, Praya East Re-
clamation, 8 p.m.

Dinner Dances, H.K. and Penin-
sula Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe
via Suez (Haruna Maru). Out-
ward: Europe via Siberia (Haruna
Maru), 3.30 p.m.; Europe via Suez
(Hakozaki Maru), 6 p.m.

Saturday.

(April 18.)

Athletics.—St. Joseph's College
Meeting (Caroline Hill), noon.

Football.—Sunday Herald Cup
Final, Scotland v. China (Club
ground).

Racing.—Third Extra Race Meet-
ing (Happy Valley).

Queen's Theatre: "Strictly Un-
conventional."

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ers."

China Circus, Praya East Re-
clamation, 8 p.m.

European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Siberia (President
Jackson), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

(April 19.)

2nd After Easter.

Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie!"

World Theatre: "Last Perform-
ance" and "Hold Your Man."

Central Theatre: "The Laughing
Lady."

China Circus, Praya East Re-
clamation, 8 p.m.

Monday.

(April 20.)

Helena May Institute "At
Home," 4.30 p.m.

P.W.D. Auction of Crown Land,
3 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Whoopie!"

World Theatre: "Repaid Favour"
(Chinese Film).

Central Theatre: "The Laughing
Lady."

China Circus, Praya East Re-
clamation, 8 p.m.

PEN PICTURES OF AMERICA.

III.—YELLOWSTONE PARK: ITS ANIMALS AND SCENIC BEAUTY.

ONE OF THE GLORIES OF AMERICA.

(By J. E. SEWELL.)

Yellowstone National Park, in
the United States of America, is
one of the world's greatest play-
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would have been called by an
earlier and more superstitious age
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are great spots of boiling water
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to the sight of human beings that
they will feed out of the visitor's
hand. No firearms are allowed in
the park, the animals are in no
danger and seem to realize the
fact.

The Animals.

Among the animals are bears of
all descriptions, including brown,
grizzly and silver-tip bears, most
of the North American types of
deer, predatory animals such as
lynx, wolves, coyotes, wildcats,
North American panthers, and all
of the smaller rodents.

For a country as wild and as
rich in animal life as this there
is very little bird and reptile life.
The birds are mainly of the migra-
tory types, and there are some
that make the Park a regular ren-
dezvous on their yearly flights.
None of the venomous reptiles are
found here and that may be ex-

plained as due to the high moun-
tains surrounding the park.

Insect life is well represented and
the mosquito makes life rather
miserable at certain seasons of the
year.

The park Rangers try to keep the
numbers of the animals in a logical
proportion but, in spite of their
efforts, much money is spent every
year feeding the animals as there
is not enough natural forage to
supply them. The wolves are "not
allowed," to hunt in parks, this
being done by killing any leader
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animals well fed.

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All modern conveniences are avail-
able although the Park is only open
from June to October inclusive.
During the other months of the
year the Park is snowbound and
it is impossible to travel over the
roads.

The tourist, upon entering Yellow-
stone is searched and any firearms
or explosives found on him are
taken away and kept in safe custody
till he leaves. If this precaution
were not taken, many people, one
has to admit, would kill the animals
and cause them to become timid
and thus detract greatly from the
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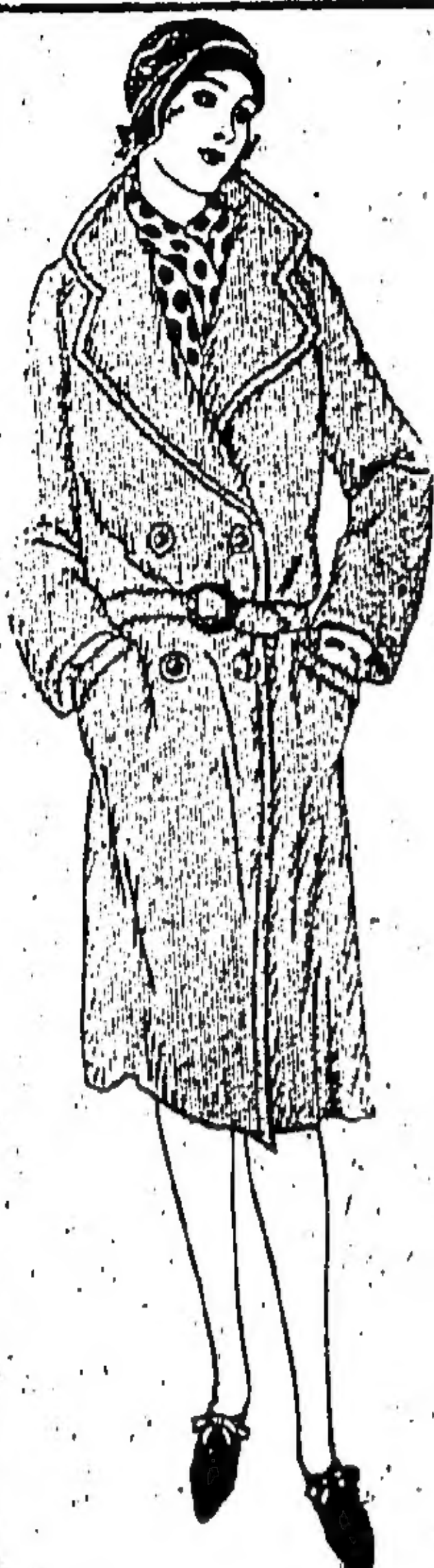
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ROUND THE SHOPS.

By "EVE."

Lane, Crawford. Details in dress to-day are all important, and one should observe carefully with what variety they are presented at the new collection which Lane Crawford's have assembled, so that one can be well in front of the mode. The best clothes for present and future show, the clear lines of the simpler and more youthful silhouette, to which certain dainty details are added that assist this aspect, and all sorts of interesting trifles that denote novelty in necks and sleeves. A pink and black dress is carried out in the new bolero effect. Checks are seen quite a lot again, and one model in yellow and white looked delightfully refreshing with its collar and pockets in white organdie. Other examples of checks are shown in blue and white and red and white trimmed with red organdie. Broderie-Anglaise is charmingly presented in every sort of guise, and comes as a pleasant change. Frezings, the most charming of the new styles are the tuck-in-blouse and skirt of print which is just the thing for morning wear. Many of these delightful prints are in "Peter Pan" material which is guaranteed not to fade, and I'm sure you will be surprised to know that only \$14.75 and \$18.75 are asked for them.

Whiteaway's. No mother will find it difficult to select her small daughter's wardrobe from Whiteaway's large and varied selection, so there is no reason for the youngster not being as fashionable as her eldest sister. I saw some of the sweetest little flowered voile and organdie dresses suitable for children from 2 to 12 years, in styles which are so becoming to children. There are also some of the cheeriest of print and gingham rompers for the tiny tot. The sheer cottons for summer, forecast, definitely for grown-ups, plays an important role for kiddies. The floral prints and tiny dots, the shepherd checks and shadow plaids, all lend themselves to the smaller garments of under twelve. Colour contrast seems almost made for the little girl whose growing years require a decided note for distinction. Plants have never gone out in girl's clothes and are increasingly important in their new variations. Dainty Fashion ordinis. Circular cuts are used slightly, but must be manipulated cleverly. It is seldom that a hat can not be matched at Whiteaways as they have such a lovely lot of very charming styles.



Gordon's. Nothing makes for real smartness so much as being well shod. Gordons are showing what will be worn this summer. The low shoe is coming into favour a lot lately and will run a close favourite with the court shoe. Many examples of these two styles are seen at this home of stylish footwear. Lizard and snake skin have not lost their popularity and are sometimes combined half and half with patent leather or kid for the vamp, or are used for very fine, edging bands. There is less brougnaing, except on the classic models, which demand it, and more fine outlines that give a note of elegance in key with the mode. This, however, is confined to the two leathers. Among some of the new summer shoes which Gordon's have just unpacked are court shoes in white crocodile and natural python. Evening shoes continue to match the gown in material as well as colour. Crepe-de-chine is seen in beige with a narrow strap and diamante buckle. Another model in black is embroidered with tiny pink-rose buds. Tomorrow will be the last day of sale of shoes at this shop; all shoes are reduced 25 per cent, and I advise you, if you have not already done so, to drop in and see the wonderful collection offered.



Vanity Fair. Fashions in table linen seem to be as fluid as fashions in dress. No longer is a table cloth just merely a table cloth; by its style and pattern you can very well tell whether the linen is of this year or last. At Vanity Fair you will see everything for your every need from bed-spreads to table napkins. There are a table cloth and napkins in the finest Irish linen, all hand embroidered; then there is a delightful set of cocktail napkins also heavily embroidered, all at very reasonable prices. Vanity Fair has started a dress-making department, and all work is done under European supervision. I saw some extremely smart morning and evening models in the process of being made during a visit the other day and was struck with the excellence of the workmanship which is coupled with moderation in price. This shop specialises in children's wear, and many examples in modes for the wee tots are always on view.



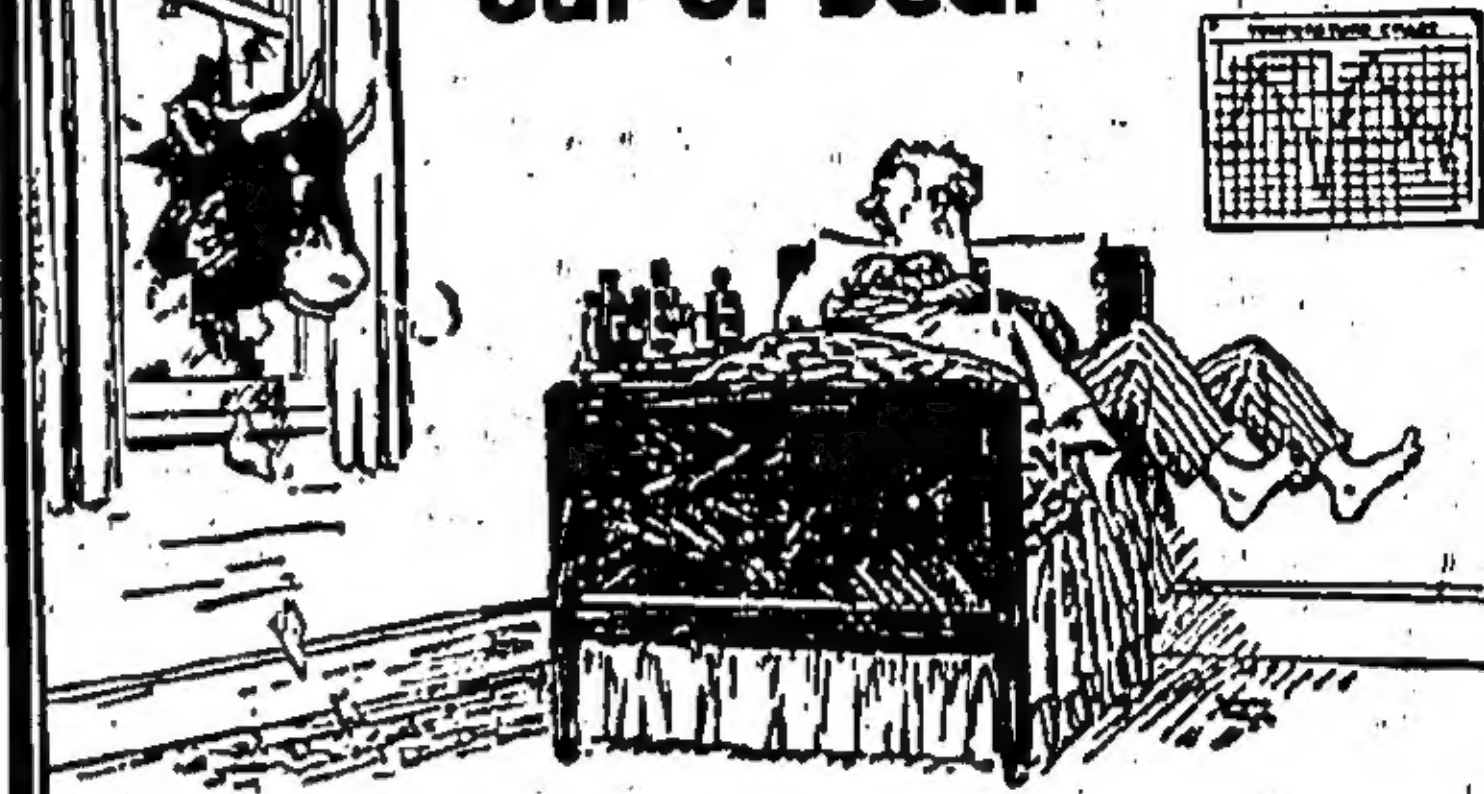
Maison Marnac has just received from Paris, a few exquisite models in white for day and evening wear. Dresses include some charming silk, georgette and lace frocks, frilled from hem to hip and worn with a bodice in a bolero effect and look adorably young and fresh. Without being in the least in favour of fussy fashions, it is easy to see that Paris is determined to persuade women to dress in womanly styles. The popular dainty neck ornaments, collars and cuffs, blouses, the return of lace-trimmed and above all the encouragement that there is to wear again lace lingerie, point to the establishment of femininity in clothes after a period of copying masculine models in feminine materials. Contrasting trimmings are frequently put on the slant. Little capes or scarves lie softly on the shoulders of a dress. Flounces, pleatings, tuckings double skirts or tunics, are among the varied styles in skirts. The waistline is marked by a belt, set almost in its natural place. Sleeves, if worn, may be short, long or three-quarter. The skirts fit the hips, and flow about the knees. They may be pleated or cut to shape.

The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. A hat to make every woman beautiful, that is the task which fashion has set herself this season, and how well she succeeds can be seen by a visit to The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. The task mentioned might seem impossible of achievement if it were not that fashion sets limits neither on size nor shape. There are hats, so light, and so squashy; there are, too, models with delightfully becoming brims, and in between these two extremes are other models, pert, modish, grave and gay, to suit the features and temperaments of every kind of woman.

I was shown some very charming flowered voile afternoon and evening dresses in all the newest patterned designs. Frocks moulded in the princess silhouette and tucking and jabots add interest and charm to these delightful new models. What could be more charming or lovely on summer evenings than a chic little sleeveless blouse frock of fashionable flowered voile with white organdie making the becoming Puritan collar. The skirt is cut on full rippling circular lines with jaunty flare peplum.

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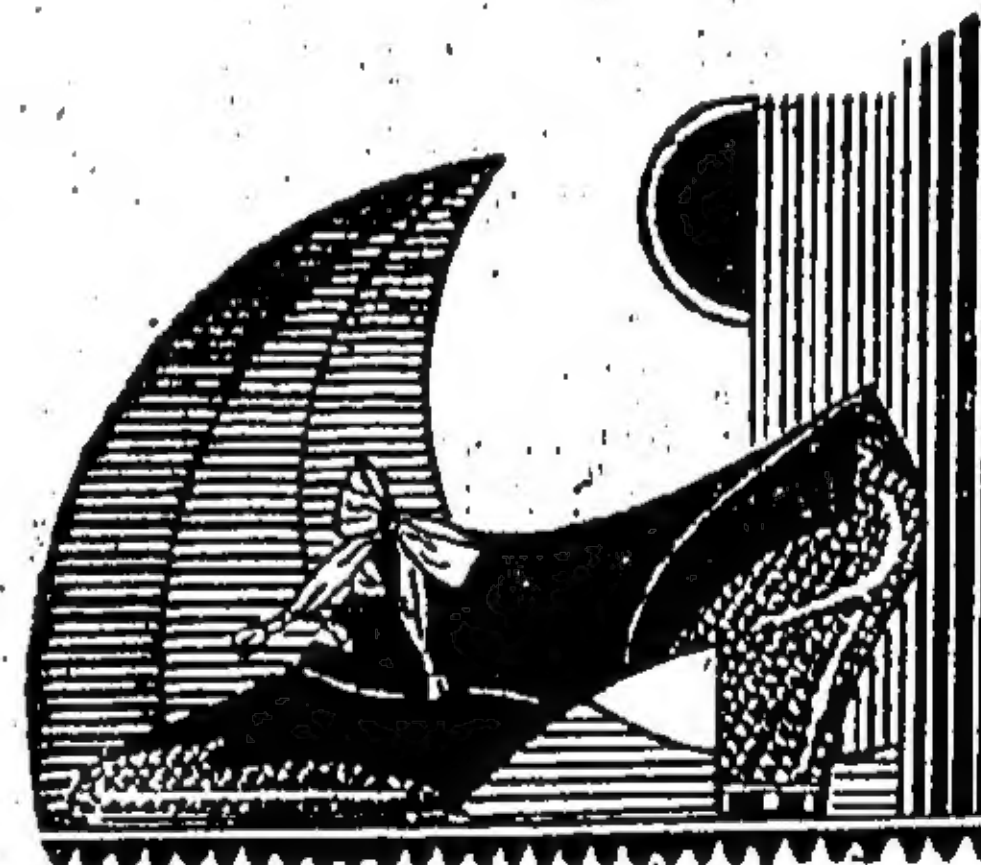
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SPRING STYLES FOR THE CHINESE LADY.

DRESDEN PRINTS AND WEE FLOWERS. ON SHORTER-THAN-ANKLE BACK-GROUNDS.

Spring days are here again, and with them the urge for dainty new frocks in the coloured prints so characteristic of the new season.



Pale pink chiffon with the same pink chiffon flower printed in rose and mauve.

Let us consider a few frocks that we think are accurately representative of what will be seen within the next few months.

Tiny flowered prints will undoubtedly be the outstanding success of the new season. Just take a look at the sketch illustrated below, and you will be convinced that tiny flowered prints will certainly hold a prominent place in the realm of fabrics for spring. This frock is fashioned for pale water-green rayon silk with the weaver of flowers, in a white and yellow daisy design for chic. The skirt is moulded at the hips, and circular fullness at the hem is expressive of the new mode that gives width and freedom while still maintaining slim lines. The usual high Chinese collar, dainty short sleeves and clinging seam at the normal waistline add smartness to this very becoming frock.

Flecked Prints.

Another "triumph" at any spring gathering is a lovely print which has a flecked background. The floral design is one of the many brilliant ones used this year, and is in red and dark green on a light Nile crepe ground. The surplus closing makes use of long, narrow Chinese loops and knots of matching green crepe.

A lovely costume combines, with much originality, pink pale chiffon with the same pink chiffon flower-printed in rose and mauve. It is versatile enough for both afternoon and evening. As illustrated, the plain material fashions the sleeves in the "Moi Lan Fan" style, while a deep flounce repeats the flared effect on the skirt.

The Jacketed Frock.

Another print that will be in must demand at Shanghai this spring is an all-over design of small leaflets on a mauve ground. This frock interprets spirited youth with much chic, and will last, if not all infinitum, at least for the rest of the season. The shorter-than-ankle length is very becoming, as is also the extremely short sleeves.



This becoming frock is fashioned of a tiny flowered print.

The dress of an effective ensemble has tiny black and red flowers scattered on a white frock. The smart little jacket, which accompanies the frock, is of black georgette crepe. A flattering border of tiny pleats achieves a lovely effect in this dress.

Another costume chooses a print of white daisies on navy-blue voile. Its smartly simple lines are rendered more effective by the use of a narrow piping of white throughout.

For those who prefer the large flowered design, there is a frock with the scalloped edges of the tiers cut to follow the petals of the large white flowers. The novelty of the edges is further stressed on the three-quarter sleeves with wing-like drapery.

Black-and-white sheer wool voile is used with cleverness in a frock tailored along simple lines. White pique, an inch wide, borders the deep slits of the skirt, and repetition of this treatment lends originality to the tiny sleeves, medium high collar and surplus side closing.

Shorter-Than-Ankle.

Let us now consider another frock in the new length prescribed for the afternoon, the shorter-than-ankle length. The model is one of that rare type—a design which is perfectly suited for development in a print, for a patterned fabric must be made in lines that are very simple, yet extremely chic. Gray and the palest of pale coral contribute to the colour scheme in this case.

The dainty Dresden design of a lovely dress that captivates the spectator is set off against background of a pastel tone. The plentiful ruffles on sleeve and cravat add a touch of smartness and the searings that outline the hips give grace to the circular skirt both front and back.



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They're really so fat, Such arm-fuls at that! But worth all the trouble they give me!

BUNNY BROWN.

Bunny Brown lived in a hole on the top of a hill. One morning he woke up very early, while Mother Bunny and Daddy Bunny were still asleep. Then he crept out very quietly and ran down the hill. His mother had told him never to go down the hill by himself. At the bottom he met a very smart gentleman with a beautiful tail.



"Come for a walk, little rabbit!" said the gentleman. And Bunny Brown went. He didn't know that the gentleman was Mr. Fox!

Presently they came to Mr. Fox's house, and Mr. Fox took Bunny inside. "Put on the pot," he said to Mrs. Fox. Then he popped Bunny into the pantry, and looked the door.

Bunny kicked the door. It squeaked and he screamed, and he screamed. But nobody came. Presently Mr. and Mrs. Brown Rabbit woke up.

"Wherever is Bunny?" they cried. They ran out to look for him and down the hill, and then they heard somebody squeaking. "Let me out! Let me out! Let Mr. Out!"

"That's Bunny!" cried Mrs. Brown Rabbit, and she and Mr. Brown Rabbit scampered their fastest to Mr. Fox's house. They banged on the door, and cried, "Come out! Come out, Mr. Fox, your house is on fire!"

Mr. and Mrs. Fox rushed out in a terrible fright, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown Rabbit rushed in. They unlocked the pantry door and pulled Bunny out. Then they raced off home as fast as they could. Mr. and Mrs. Fox raced after them. But the Brown rabbits got home first.

Bunny had such a terrible fright that he promised he would never again run away down the hill by himself.

THE DORMOUSE AND THE FROG.

"I really think," the Dormouse said, "If only I had wings, I'd fly away and leave the cold and other nasty things. And wait until the warm Spring days

Before I came again.

What do you think?"

The Frog replied,—

"I think it's going to rain!"

"As I observed," the Dormouse said,

"I think it must be nice

To fly off to a sunny land

Away from snow and ice;

To Africa or India,

Or even Southern Spain;

What do you think?"

The Frog replied,—

"I think it's going to rain!"

"It's very rude," the Dormouse said,

"To answer in that way;

You do not pay the slightest heed

To anything I say,

Now don't you think it's hard to live

Where cold north-easters blow!

What do you say?"

The Frog replied,—

"I say it's going to snow!"

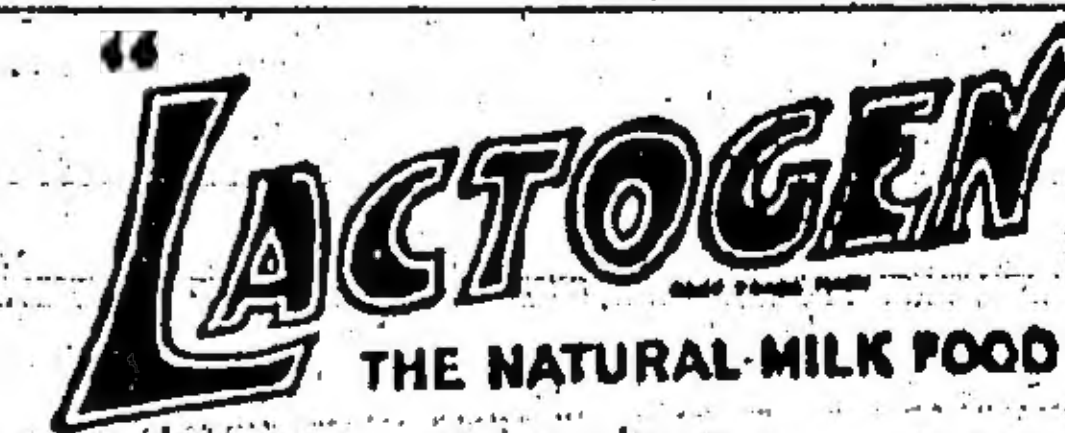


John IS SUCH A HANDFUL!

They never know what the little monkey will be up to next, and he's only out of mischief when he's asleep. But mother is glad. She says she'd rather have a scamp to mind than a poorly child. For mother remembers how bothered she was once about her baby—how he seemed to stick and stay just where he was—gained a little one week and nothing at all the next.

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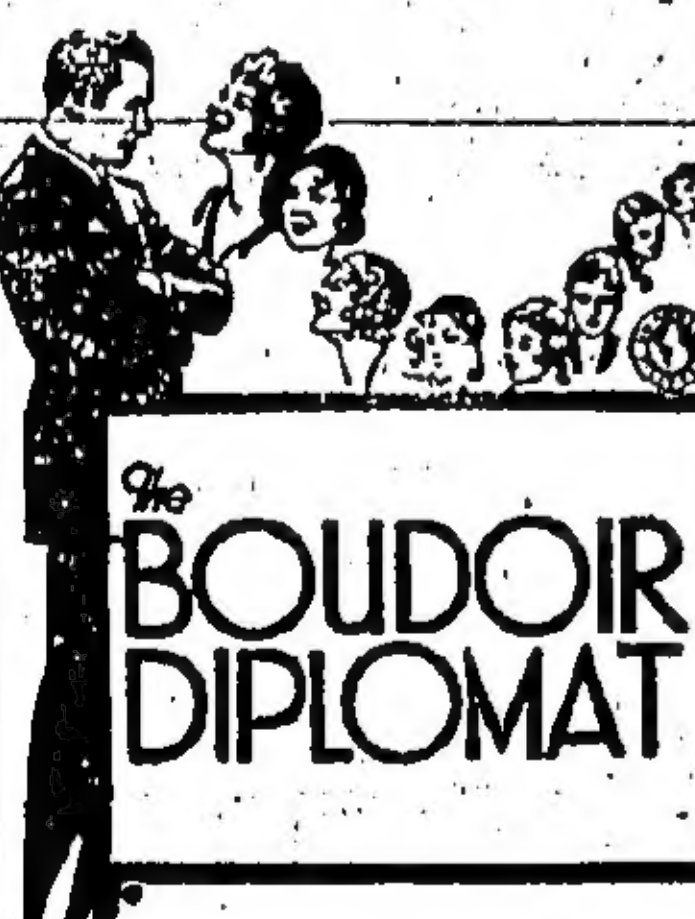


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TRATES YESTERDAY.FAMILY BROUGHT INTO
COURT.

An unusual case came up at Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese with several previous convictions for picking pockets was charged before two Magistrates, Mr. W. Schofield and Mr. E. H. Williams for larceny from the person.

When asked to plead, the old offender said: "I admit the charge. I have been trying to keep straight but was not able to make a living. My children are young. Show me mercy."

Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, who was prosecuting, said that the defendant was observed for over an hour by a Chinese district watchman who finally saw him extract a wallet from a pedestrian in Queen's Road West. The detective promptly arrested the defendant. The wallet was found to be empty.

Knife Used in Struggle?

The defendant resisted violently when he was arrested and put up a struggle in the course of which he is believed to have whistled out a penknife from his pocket and attempted to stab the district watchman. Happily for the latter, a Chinese student happened to see the knife and going promptly to the assistance, managed to wrench the knife from the defendant.

Evidence was then given by the district watchman and by the student. After hearing the latter, Mr. Schofield expressed thanks to him for coming to the assistance of the district watchman, adding "I think you have done very well indeed."

Convicted Six Times.

The Magistrates, however, did not find sufficient evidence to support the allegation that the defendant attempted to stab the district watchman. In connection with the actual theft itself, Mr. Schofield asked defendant, "Is it a fact that since 1915 you have been convicted six times for larceny from the person?"

Defendant: Only three times, Sir. On the remaining occasions I was sentenced for keeping company with undesirable characters.

In answer to further questions defendant said that he had to support his wife and two children besides an old mother who was at home. His wife and children were called before the Magistrates. Defendant went on to say: "I have tried to live straight. I have been a mariner, but I could not find a living. Please show me leniency."

Mr. Schofield: You are sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Defendant: I am indebted to your Worship.

GROWTH OF FRENCH
ARMY.GERMAN MINISTER'S
PROTEST.

General Wilhelm Groener, Reich's Defence Minister, stated before the Reichstag's Ways and Means Committee that France had the strongest army in the world.

"France has not even begun to disarm," said General Groener. "On the contrary, through her new form of army organization, she has established the strongest and readiest war instrument in the world."

"We disarmed to an extent unparalleled in history," he added. Recalling the remarks of André Maginot, French Minister of War, that there must be a stricter control of armaments of aggressor nations, General Groener said they were pointless so far as Germany was concerned, because "the Treaty of Versailles, which is the basis of Germany's war guilt, long since has been confounded by international historical science."

Mentioning the purpose of Germany's disarmament, General Groener said: "According to the Treaty of Versailles, Germany's disarmament was to be an overtone to a general limitation of armaments of all nations. Germany did her part. We have the right to demand that Germany's inequality of armaments be balanced by the corresponding actions of other nations. We have the right to the same degree of security that other nations demand for themselves. We voice our demand for general disarmament in the interests of peace and the reconstruction of Europe."

"The army's value is not determined by the length of service, but by the intensity of training, the number of trained reserves and the quality of material. All of this France possesses in the most complete form. Only one year of service is demanded now, against two years' service and 640,000 men in 1912. Yet the total army strength to-day is almost as big as then," General Groener declared.

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EMPLOYMENT FRAUDS.

The trial concluded at the Old Bailey of three men and a woman alleged to have been engaged in employment frauds.

Henry Wright, 45, sales organizer; David Schaffer, 38, printer; Herbert Samuel West, 50, estate agent; and Catherine Marguerite Richard, 29, widow pleaded not guilty to conspiring to cheat and defraud such persons as might be induced to part with money to Women's Social Services.

For the prosecution it was stated that advertisements were inserted for representatives, who were required to invest in the concern. The Common Sergeant (Sir Henry Dickens, K.C.), summing up, said that pamphlets were issued which made it look as if Women's Social Services were a philanthropic movement for the benefit of servants.

Holiday homes were to be provided, with bath-rooms and hairdressing saloons and a charabanc to run the girls down to the sea-front without charge. "One passage stated: 'Many will envy the lot of these girls of the holiday homes, and the only harm anyone will wish a girl there is that she may find a nice boy and claim the dowry of £25.' (Laughter.)

Wright and Mrs. Richard were found guilty.

Schaffer and West were found not guilty and discharged.

The jury recommended Mrs. Richard to mercy.

Detective Inspector Donaldson said that Wright's real name was Henry Dunsford. After being Army service he formed various fraudulent concerns. For many years he had been a pioneer and leader of a gang of fraudulent company promoters and charity exploiters, obtaining thousands of pounds. He had never been prosecuted, but his concerns had been subject to police inquiry. The total amount invested in the Women's Social Services was £4,500. In one case a solicitor's widow invested her savings and was reduced to poverty.

The Common Sergeant said that Wright was the sole mover in this shameful scheme. He quite agreed with the verdict with regard to Schaffer and West.

Wright was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment in the second division. Mrs. Richard was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

THREE DROWNED IN
SNOWSTORM.

Fifty yards from the beach and within sight of a Life-Saving Brigade, three Blyth men lost their lives and another from Gateshead narrowly escaped drowning when their motorboat was capsized in Blyth Bay by a sudden storm, which, accompanied by thick snow, swept the Northumberland coast.

The four men left Blyth Harbour on a fishing trip about 8 a.m. in bright weather, but an hour later they were struck off Seaton Sluice by the storm and were driven shorewards.

They could be seen standing in their boat, waving their arms for help.

Within three minutes the Blyth motor-lifboat raced away, having on board the father of one of the men who was drowned.

The lifboat, however, had gone only a short distance when the boat capsized about 100 yards from shore and was driven among the breakers.

A Life-Saving Brigade, wearing corkjackets and carrying a life-line, dashed into the sea and made for one man who was clinging to the broken mast of the motorboat. The leader of the brigade had just reached the mast when he was knocked unconscious by heavy seas but, both still clinging to the spar, the two men were dragged ashore by the life-line.

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QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"STRICTLY UNCONVEN-
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Strictly Unconventional," an all-talking screen version of Somerset Maugham's play, "The Circle," opened last night at the Queen's Theatre, and proved to be even more entertaining as a cinema product than when it served as the co-starring vehicle for the late John Drew and Mrs. Leslie Carter.

No small share of this somewhat astonishing feat is due to the immensely interesting performances of a clever cast which includes Lewis Stone as Clive Champion-Cheyney; Alison Skipworth as Lady Kitty; Ernest Torrence as the swallow-tailed and monocled Lord Porteous; Catherine Dale Owen as Elizabeth; Tyrrell Davis as her husband; Arnold Champion-Cheyney who ignores his wife's charms for the attractions of antique furniture; Paul Cavanagh, who attempts to make up for this error; and Mary Forbes as Mrs. Shenstone whose efforts to patch up the breach between Arnold Elizabeth only serve to make the situation more complicated.

When it is recalled that Lady Kitty ran away with Lord Porteous thirty years before and returns to visit her husband, Clive, in time to be used as "the awful example," it can be seen how riotously funny a satire this picture really is.

WHOOPEE.

Besides being an unprecedentedly lavish production in its own right, "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Lewis Stone musical riot, starring Eddie Cantor, which comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, received an unparalleled compliment when Owen Davis, the author or "The Nervous Wreck," from which it was adapted, personally complimented the members of the staff of the Samuel Goldwyn studios who rewrote it to the screen.

It is a proverb among movie people that the author of a play or novel which has been adapted to the screen invariably claims that the adaptation has wrecked his masterpiece. Owen Davis, author of "The Nervous Wreck," is known wherever there are theatres as one of the most prolific and powerful dramatists of the present day. Winner of a Pulitzer prize with his play, "Icebound," versatile writer of a serious drama, melodrama, farce and musical comedy, he has always considered "The Nervous Wreck" his best farce.

CENTRAL THEATRE.

"THE LAUGHING LADY."

The fame which Ruth Chatterton established for herself in "Charming Sinners" and "Madame X" gains added glamour in her newest talking release. "The Laughing Lady," which was shown at the Central Theatre last night.

She is seen and heard as the star of this powerful, human drama played against a background of smart sophistication, with Clive Brook, one of the fadom's great favourites, as her leading man.

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ANIMAL CRACKERS.

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KING'S.

"Animal Crackers," which is showing at the King's Theatre till Saturday (inclusive) is an amusing film, with the Marx Brothers as the stars. It tells of a wealthy woman, who is holding an extravagant house-party, to which a number of notables are invited, among them being an explorer and hunter (Groucho Marx) Chico and Harpo are two hired musicians and Zeppo is an amusing secretary. The story deals with complications arising out of a masterpiece and a copy of it, owned respectively by our hostess and her latest rival. It is amusing farce, light hearted stuff that passes away a couple of hours very happily. High-brows may criticize—but the House has had excellent attendances at all showings.

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CURRENCY REFORM: PLEA BY WELL-KNOWN LOCAL FINANCIER.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, Mr. J. H. Taggart spoke in very optimistic vein regarding the Company's prospects, and said that the new shares would reduce the Company's indebtedness to the Bank, thereby making its position extremely favourable. The Company's 'bus service continues to be very popular so much so that there was an increase of 17 per cent. in revenue from this source.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. Frank Austin made a suggestion to the effect that the Company should dispose of its commitments in Shanghai and Peking, and added that the Peak Hotel was in need of reconstruction. The chairman replied that whilst the Company were prepared to consider offers for the properties in Shanghai, they were not in any great rush to get rid of these holdings. As regards the reconstruction of the Peak Hotel, the matter was receiving the consideration of the board.

"A CURRENCY OF MORE STABILITY."

The Chairman, after reading the auditors' report, said:—You will observe from a perusal of the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account that the balance of the Working Account amounted to \$1,506,439.35 against \$1,348,009.16 for the preceding year. Although a decrease of \$158,430.19 is thus displayed, this result should not, in the circumstances, be regarded as unsatisfactory. Last year's result has been obtained in spite of the adverse trend in exchange during the major portion of the year, with consequential increased cost of imported commodities, beverages, fuel, etc. Moreover, the drastic depreciation of the local currency insisted considerable increases in our operating costs in every department, and necessary replacements to plant and machinery, and the general equipment of the hotels, was perforce effected at enhanced cost.

The Company's establishments in Hong Kong have experienced during the year an appreciable increase in patronage over that enjoyed last year, more particularly from transient guests. Our establishments in Shanghai, however, were, during the earlier portion of last year, in the matter of rates, placed in the position of having to meet somewhat severe competition, with the advent of a new hostelry in that port. Nevertheless, the progressive effect of resistance resulted in a gratifying volume of patronage being experienced at the Company's two hotels in Shanghai, leading to a satisfactory contribution from that source to the General Working Account profits.

Coupled with this fact it is pleasing to report that returns from the Northern port during the first quarter of the current year record further improved business over the corresponding period last year—tangible evidence of the adherence of a clientele at your establishments in Shanghai sufficient to maintain a satisfactory volume of business there.

Majestic Hotel.

With regard to the disposal of the Majestic Hotel, although the property was not handed over by this Company to the purchaser until March 31, 1930, a diminution in the earning capacity of that establishment was experienced during the first, and incidentally what we regard as the most productive, quarter of our financial year, for the purchaser's decision relative to the closing down of the residential portion of the establishment had an adverse influence upon bookings retrospectively from the beginning of the year.

Turning to the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, you will notice, on making comparison with the figure in respect of the previous financial year, that "Rent, Rates, Taxes and Licences" show an increase of \$20,882. This increase is due mainly to the imposition of a tax on the seating capacity of our 'buses, and to the inclusion of the rental paid to the new owners of the 'Majestic Hotel, under the terms of sale relating to that property, for the Company's tenancy of the establishment during practically the whole of the first quarter of 1930.

Recent Legal Action.

The item of "Bank Interest" you will note is reduced by \$109,415, this being consequential upon the reduction of the Company's indebtedness made capable by the receipt of the funds representing the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

You will observe that the item "Audit, Accountancy and Legal Fees" is increased by \$27,968. This increase is brought about by the payment of legal fees, etc., incurred by the Company in contesting the action brought against us by the firm who installed the refrigeration plant at the Peninsula Hotel. This firm claimed from the Company certain monies as being a balance due to them under their contract for the installation of the plant, whilst your Company contended that a counter-claim existed on their part in respect of faulty work. This action was equitably settled out of Court after the trial had been proceeding about three weeks, a course of action your Board deemed it advisable to acquiesce in, for the highly technical nature of the case involved the retention of expensive experts as witnesses, and it was considered that, if the case had been carried to conclusion after further lengthy trial, considerable additional legal expenses would have been involved, irrecoverable even in the event of the Company obtaining a verdict in the action, a state of affairs, which, in the opinion of your Board, the monetary importance of the matter at issue, did not warrant.

Maintenance and Repairs.

You will note that the expenditure for the year under the heading of "Maintenance & Repairs" is down by \$43,433, *vis a vis* the previous year. Whilst making reference to this item I would mention that expenditure incurred in effecting modernisation of certain equipment, which strictly speaking could be included within the purview of capital expenditure, has been written off out of revenue. Furthermore, in this connection, it was not considered expedient to encroach upon funds standing to the credit of the "Repairs & Renewals Account," and the sum of \$100,000, which was allocated thereto from the profits of the preceding year, still remains to the credit of that account.

Depreciation for the period under review has been provided for upon our usual conservative basis. In this connection you will note that it has been considered expedient to withdraw the sum of \$200,000 from the "Depreciation Reserve," in order to maintain provision of depreciation on the basis of the standard set in past years in respect of the Company's various classes of assets, a matter to which I propose to again refer to later.

Peking Hotel.

Coming to the assets side of the balance sheet, there is little calling for comment, for the depreciation written off the assets accounts in most instances for the differences appearing when making comparison with the figures of the preceding year. I would, however, remark upon one item appearing amongst the assets, namely investments, which stand in the balance sheet at cost \$402,174.46; \$460,700.07 of this figure is the cost of acquisition of the Company's holding of shares in the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits, Ltd., which holding represents approximately ninety per cent. of that Company's issued capital. The Hotel operated by the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits, Ltd., situate, as you know, in the Legation Quarter of Peking, has, over the past few years, had to contend with competition from an establishment offering the advantages attaching to a building of more modern construction, and, moreover, the volume of tourist

business fell far short of reasonable expectation, due to the long prevailing unsettled political situation in the North. The somewhat small operative profits made over the past four years, being insufficient to provide more than a nominal return on your investment in that Company, have been utilised for the purpose of depreciating the whole of the assets on a more liberal basis than the actual life thereof demands. As a result, conservation of cash resources has been made, and by judicious investment of the surplus funds it has been possible to build up an Investment Fund of satisfactory dimensions, and, in this connection, you will be interested to learn that the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits, Ltd. has been enabled, at March 31 last, to redeem the whole of its indebtedness to the holders of its debenture issues, totalling Tientain Taels 221,000. I think I may say without undue optimism that the Company's improved position as a result of being relieved of all debt, aided by the greater volume of business now experienced at the Hotel in Peking, is such as to warrant anticipation of an early termination of the period of non-productiveness of this investment.

Turning to the liabilities side of this investment.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will note that "Depreciation Reserve" has suffered reduction to the extent to which I have previously referred. The item "Loans secured by Mortgages" stands at \$4,300,149.31 on December 31, 1930, as against \$7,024,158.14 in the accounts for the previous year, the reduction under this heading being effected as a result of the receipt of the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

"Sundry Creditors" are less by \$138,191.

'Bus Services.

You will be pleased to learn, in connexion with the 'bus services operated by the Company, that the services on all routes operated have experienced considerable increased popularity during the year, and an increase in revenue of approximately 17 per cent. over last year's figures has resulted from the augmented patronage. As you will readily understand, the factor of adverse exchange has had also a very detrimental effect upon the costs of operation of our 'bus routes; nevertheless, the satisfactory increase in revenue I have just mentioned has offset in a measure the low exchange disadvantages, with the result that the profits produced by the 'Bus Department last year are practically the same as for the previous year.

The vehicles comprising our 'bus fleet have been maintained in a high state of efficiency, and the relative costs included in revenue expenditure: No 'bus has been allotted an accession in book value, although extensive overhauls have been carried out to many vehicles, in some cases the motor-bus bodies having been entirely rebuilt. All this type of expenditure has been charged to working before computation of the profits to which I have just referred. I feel that to have achieved such result, under the conditions prevailing, reflects considerable credit upon our Garage Department management.

Diesel Engines.

The possibilities attaching to the utilisation of Diesel type oil engines are receiving our serious attention. If the result of experiments now in progress lead to the adoption of this type of engine, a very large saving in fuel costs should result, and expenditure on lubricating oils and general maintenance be appreciably less. We are in close touch and co-operation with our Home-suppliers of vehicles on the matter, and all possible avenues offering more economical working will be exploited.

You will doubtless be interested to learn that the 'Bus mileage figures for 1930 are 1,371,532 miles as compared with 1,199,103 miles in 1929, an increase of 172,430 miles, and whereas the number of passengers carried over all routes during 1929 approximated 61 millions, for 1930 the number of passengers carried falls just short of 7 millions.

With regard to the matter of the appropriation recommended by the Board for the year under review, I feel it is advisable that I should remind shareholders of the adverse cross rate of exchange between Hong Kong and Shanghai which prevailed during the year. The exchange position rendered difficult the transfer of funds standing to the credit of the Company in Shanghai—a large portion of which represented the proceeds of sale of the Majestic Hotel property—to effect reduction of its indebtedness in Hong Kong, without entailing a serious loss in exchange. Furthermore, the prevailing state of the money market in the Northern port precluded the employment of the Company's surplus funds there to advantage.

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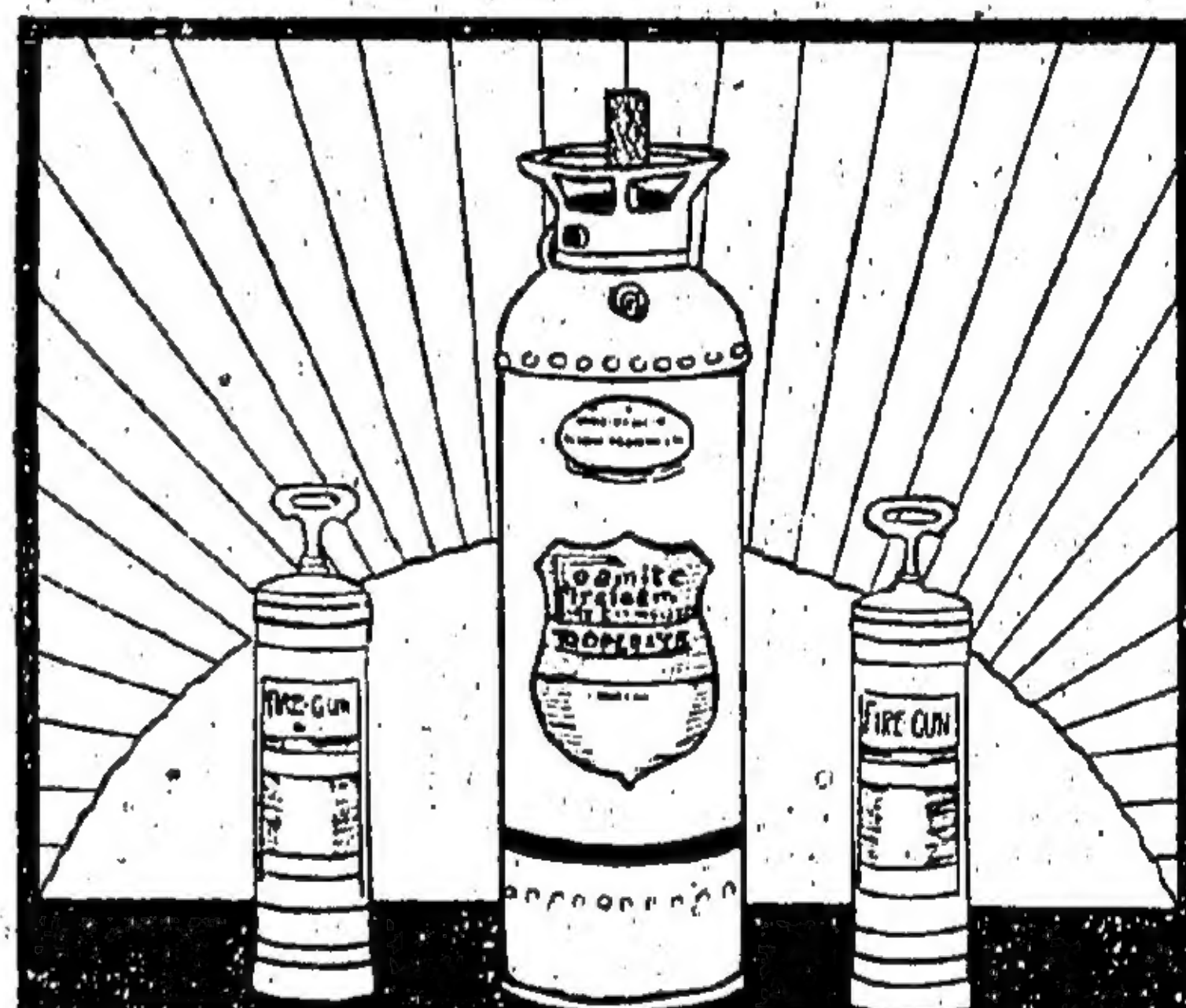


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HONG KONG'S POPULATION.

A TOTAL OF 852,000.

KOWLOON'S POPULATION DOUBLED.

The Colony's total population, according to the preliminary report of the Census Officer (Mr. W. J. Carrie) is 852,000 compared with 625,000 ten years ago. Kowloon, as might be expected, is shown to have doubled its population, and the Island inhabitants have increased in numbers from 347,000 to 424,000. The New Territories and the floating population are very much the same in numbers as they were in 1921.

Males still exceed females, the respective figures being 480,000 men to 362,000 women. The disparity is not, however, as great proportionately as it was, being now 742 females to every 1,000 males, compared with 633 in 1921. That suggests that more Chinese are settling here and making the place their home.

THE "MASCULINITY" DECREASES.

The Census of the Colony was taken on the 7th March, 1931.

The preliminary census commenced on the 19th February and continued up to the census day. The revision of the work done during that fortnight and the actual census was carried out on the morning of Sunday, 8th March.

Reports received from the Chief Enumerators were on the whole favourable and showed that the work on the preliminary census was fairly well done; the revision was carried out as quickly as could be expected and the returns were, with few exceptions, received at the Census Office in the course of a few days.

The date fixed for the census was satisfactory. It was, however, only 18 days after China New Year and it might have been better to have waited another week or fortnight. The returns from the Harbour Office and from the Railway show,

however, that while the balance of emigration over immigration was about 11,000 during the two weeks ending 28th February, in the following week ending on census day there was a balance inward of over 7,500 persons. The bulk, therefore, of those who had left for the China New Year holiday had probably returned.

The census of the floating population was taken on two days, the 7th and 8th March under the supervision of the Chief Junk Inspector, and of police officers in charge of launches for outlying areas.

The following table has been prepared from the totals in the Enumerators' Summary Books as regards Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories and from a rapid counting of the entries in the forms for the New Territories and floating population where summary books were not used.

The figures must be taken as a close approximation only.

PRELIMINARY FIGURES.

	1921.			1931.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Island of Hong Kong	221,085	126,316	347,401	254,917	169,575	424,522
Kowloon & New Territories	74,698	48,756	123,453	144,818	118,051	262,869
New Territories	41,767	41,206	83,163	45,496	48,007	93,503
Floating population including mercantile marine	45,397	25,847	71,244	41,355	27,653	69,008
Total	382,887	242,260	625,166	480,546	363,286	843,832

Two comments only need be made at this stage.

1.—The population of the Island of Hong Kong has increased by 77,000 only, a smaller increase than that which took place in the previous decade; the population of Kowloon has more than doubled itself.

2.—The masculinity of the population continues to decrease. In 1921 there were only 633 females per 1,000 males; in 1931 the proportion had risen to 742.

EUROPEAN CHILD ASSAULTED.

CHAIR COOLIE LOSES HIS TEMPER.

Before Mr. Schofield yesterday, a chair coolie was charged with assaulting Mary Kerrie, the six-year-old daughter of Major Kerrie, in the chair shelter near the Peak Tram Station, on Tuesday afternoon. Alistair McIntyre who was playing with the girl at the time, appeared as witness for the prosecution.

Outlining the case, Sub-Inspector Logan, of the Mount Gough Station, said that on Tuesday afternoon both children were playing in the chair shelter on the Peak, near the Tram Station. There were some chair covers—canopies of the chairs—where they were playing. From the statements he had taken, the girl and the boy were supposed to have interfered with the canopies, by playing with or stepping on them. The defendant informed the police that he told the children to go away more than once. He went over to them on one occasion and told them not to interfere with the canopies. He was alleged to have struck the girl on the side of the head. There was a mark on her nose and she bled freely. Private G. E. Coleman came on the scene later and he would say that the girl was standing near the coolie, with her nose bleeding.

Lost His Temper.

The coolie said the little girl tripped and hurt her nose as a result of the fall. He could call three other coolies to bear this out. In conclusion, Inspector Logan said that the defendant was "a respectable coolie and perhaps lost his temper." "I bailed him out myself," he added.

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THE LATE MRS. EMILY JUSTER.

INTERMENT AT HAPPY VALLEY.

In the presence of sorrowing relatives and a large number of personal friends, the remains of Mrs. Emily Drysdale Juster were interred at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday, the Rev. Father E. Teruzzi officiating at the graveside.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. F. G. Drysdale, bailiff of the Supreme Court. She was 36 years old and passed away at the Kowloon Hospital following an operation.

The chief mourners were the husband, Mr. Andrew W. Juster, and Miss Lilian Juster, daughter, while among other relatives and friends present at the graveside were Mr. and Mrs. J. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brook, Mr. J. Anderson, Miss Maud Juster, Mrs. Franco, Miss Franco, Mrs. Lee, Master Willie Osborne, and others. In addition to floral tributes from bereaved relatives, there were many tokens of sympathy from deceased's personal friends.

The Magistrate: Has he got a perfectly good record? Inspector Logan: A perfectly good record.

His Worship: This girl admits playing with these covers? Inspector Logan: She did not admit playing with the covers to me, but she admitted playing there, but the boy, Alistair McIntyre, informs me they were playing with the covers.

To the parent of one of the children concerned in the case, His Worship said the children had better be warned by him that they were not to play with the chair covers or near them. "The coolie," his Worship continued, "has in my opinion, used unnecessary violence with this girl, and he must pay a \$5 fine."

MODERN INVENTIONS.

ARE THEY A CURSE TO CHINA?

INTERESTING DEBATE AT UNIVERSITY.

"Are Western mechanical inventions really a curse to the Chinese people?" This was the very interesting subject discussed at a debate held at the Hong Kong University Union, on Wednesday night, on the occasion of the second general meeting of the Law and Commerce Society of the University.

A large number of students and members of the staff was present. Mr. S. L. Wong, Chairman of the Society, presided.

The speakers were Messrs. Tam Yik Fong, B.A. (proposer), Chan Kai Yin (second), Hu Pak Mi, B.A. (opponent), and Soen Gwan Tihon (second).

The proposer began by remarking that there had been for the last forty years, especially after the downfall of the Ching Dynasty, a craze throughout China for adopting modern mechanical science as the only means of salvation. The Chinese, especially the younger generation, were dazzled by the so-called mechanical achievements; and, without due consideration, at once came to the conclusion that the only salvation for China was the adoption of Western mechanical inventions. "But," the proposer went on, "they overlooked the fact that eastern civilization is fundamentally different from that of the West."

Profundity of Soul.

"At the historical background of the Chinese people," the proposer argued, "there has been a strong adherence to a natural profundity of the soul (as opposed to relentless mechanism and rationalisation of life in the West)—an adherence which has been nurtured by Confucianism and Taoism. Since the Tang Dynasty there has developed in the Chinese people a spirit of contentment, a love of peace, and a belief in spiritual happiness and in virtuous life. All these have made Chinese culture and civilisation so unique and lofty, and so directly opposite to the relentless mechanisation and rationalisation of life in the West. Now if we introduce modern mechanical inventions into China, there shall be, as a natural consequence, a change in the outlook of life; a change from peaceful contentment to chaotic aggression; a change not to the better but to the worse. It will not only bring about the downfall of Chinese culture and civilisation, but also cultivate a spirit of jingoism among the people which has been so alien to, and so much condemned by the teaching of our sages."

Mechanical Inventions.

Referring to the evils of mechanical inventions, the proposer drew instances from the Great War, and said that the results of the adoption of mechanical inventions would be the break-down of the Chinese social structure, the inability of the moral and social traditions to bind the minds of men, conflict between capitalists and the labour class, and poverty and sorrow for China.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Hu, the opposer, "the salvation of China lies in the whole-hearted adoption of Western mechanical inventions." He said that 70 per cent. of the Chinese population cultivated land, and yet they had to supplement their food supply by foreign imports of foodstuffs. He solved the problem by finding remedies for floods and drought, and by fertilization of lands which could be easily brought about by mechanical means. China must open up her mines in order to be wealthy, and that also required Western mechanical inventions.

The opposer further said that communication, public health and national strength (military and economical) depended much upon mechanical inventions. He went on to prove that it was not Western mechanical inventions that caused world-wide unemployment, or gave rise to the World War of 1914-1918, or affected the culture of the Chinese.

Mr. Chan, second to the proposer, drew the attention of the audience to the fact that Western mechanical inventions affected us indirectly. "They (the inventions) are undesirable things, because we cannot afford them; and they make China more miserable," he said.

Modern Japan.

Mr. Soen, second to the opposer, said that industries, with the help of mechanical inventions, had made the population of Japan swell from 35 millions in 1921 to 42 millions in 1931. Japan, which had only a small share of the trade in

HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

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The demand for cash shares continued and higher levels were again recorded yesterday.

Cantons were booked at \$1400.00 and perhaps further small lots may be obtained. Unions were again taken at \$635.00 while Underwriters were wanted at \$4.80.

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Trains were booked at \$17.00, Ferries at \$93.00, Electrics at \$70.25 and Telephones at \$45.00.

Cements were the distinct feature of yesterday's trading and shares were booked up to \$18.80 June and \$19.00 July and closed with buyers at \$18.40 cash.

Ropes also were stronger, \$15.10 being asked and taken.

Amusements are in demand at \$27.50. We hear a dividend of \$2.25 is expected next month.

DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT REVIEWS SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Miss Robinson, President of the Diocesan Old Girls' Association, presided at the annual meeting of that body held on Wednesday at the Diocesan Girls' School when she took the opportunity to thank members of the Committee for their work during the past year.

The annual report was read by Miss P. J. Anderson the Hon. Secretary, after which the statement of accounts was read by Miss M. Grose, the Hon. Treasurer. The profits of the year amounted to \$304.16 and the credit balance of the Association stood at \$1,737.98 at the end of the financial year.

These reports were unanimously passed.

During the year the Association held bathing picnics and social functions which were largely attended. Physical Culture Classes were also held under Miss Lee, Physical Instructor of the Diocesan Girls' School.

The meeting proceeded to elect officials of the Association for the next financial year. The following ladies were elected:—President, Miss W. Robinson; Vice-President, Miss M. Knicker; Hon. Vice-President, Miss E. K. Walters; Hon. Secretary, Miss P. J. Anderson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. Wood; General Committee, Miss E. Allen, Miss O. Barretto, Miss B. Chon, Miss K. Grose, Miss M. Grose, Miss K. Gourdin, Miss V. Shea and Mrs. A. Urghart.

STRANDED FRENCH STEAMER.

LOCAL TUGBOAT TO THE RESCUE.

The tug Henry Koswick left Hong Kong at about 4 a.m. yesterday for the Hainan Straits where the Limchow, a French steamer, stranded after colliding with the s.s. Canton on Tuesday afternoon.

It is understood that the passengers on the Limchow have been taken off, some by the s.s. Canton, which apparently suffered only slight damage and some by the s.s. Kiangsu (B. & S.) which happened to be in the vicinity. It is further understood that the passengers are being taken to Haiphong.

China ten years ago, now had more than 60 per cent. of the Chinese trade. Britain, her rival, now had only 14 per cent. That showed that the adoption of mechanical inventions had certainly increased Japanese trade.

When the subject was opened to the house, many stood up to give their views. The majority of the speakers spoke against the motion. Mr. M. A. Cooper and Prof. H. Robertson were among the speakers, the former being a "pro" while the latter stood neutral.

When the vote was taken, it was found that 17 were for the proposition while only 10 supported the opposer.

H.K. CURRENCY COMMISSION.

THOSE INTERESTED ASKED TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary informs us that the Hong Kong Currency Commission wish to make it known that they are prepared to interview any persons who desire to place their views before them, at any time before the 30th of April. Persons who desire to avail themselves of this invitation are requested to send their names to Mr. N. L. Smith at the Colonial Secretary's Office, together with a précis of the evidence which they desire to tender and an intimation of the dates and times on which it would be convenient for them to appear.

The Commission have already received evidence from a number of gentlemen who appeared before the Currency Committee of 1930 or have been put forward as witnesses by various public bodies in Hong Kong.

KOWLOON AMATEUR DRAMATICS.

A SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

As we briefly reported yesterday, the entertainment arranged and presented by the Y.M.C.A. Dramatic Players at St. Andrew's Hall on Wednesday evening, was an enormous success and was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. It is to be regretted that counter-attractions had been arranged to take place on the same evening, as undoubtedly the plays presented by the Dramatic Club justified a larger number than were present.

For a newly formed amateur dramatic club we think that the programme arranged was a little ambitious, inasmuch as two of the three plays produced called for very little action. It does credit to the producer and his associates therefore that, relying entirely on their ability, they were able to convey to their audience the various subtleties of the plays, mainly by very clever acting and good delivery of their lines.

The Y.M.C.A. Dramatic Club seem more fortunate in their actresses than in their actors (although it is a recognised thing that there is more of the actress in woman than there is of the actor in man), but certainly the ladies of the cast were outstanding in their performance. Of the three ladies, Margaret Birt had to sustain the more difficult characters. She appeared in two dissimilar roles, first in "The Twelve Pound Look" and secondly in "The Stepmother," and her portrayals of both parts were practically perfect. The honours were divided equally between Kathleen Curtin and Wendy Orme in their respective roles of "Kate" in "The Twelve Pound Look" and as the secretary in "The Stepmother," both giving splendid performances and earning well merited applause.

G. F. Rees and E. R. Price were extremely good in the parts allotted to them in the latter play, but we think that they lacked the confidence and ease apparent in the people playing opposite them. N. V. Halvard as "Sir" Harry Sims in "The Twelve Pound Look" was exceptionally good and gave an even better interpretation of the part than in his previous portrayal at the Y.M.C.A. recently. His acting was typical of the ponderous, self-made, business man.

The small drama "In Port," which the producer cleverly wedged in between the two lighter plays, was extremely well acted by W. Robertson, S. M. West, and J. J. Ferguson, all three actors being definitely suited to their individual parts. The surprising climax of this little drama is the point which has to be brought out with effect, and judging by the applause which greeted the performers, they lost nothing by their acting of what was to be conveyed. E. R. Price also played with effect the minor part of a butler in "The Twelve Pound Look." During the intervals between the plays pianoforte selections were played by Mr. Rupert Baldwin.

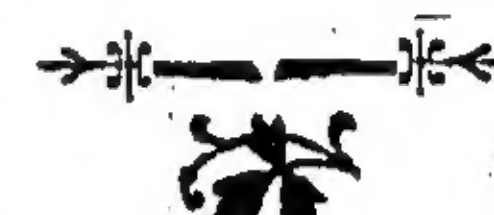
In our opinion the entertainment was one of the best of its kind ever presented at Kowloon, and, as we remarked recently, in these columns, we sincerely hope that we shall see bigger productions by these talented amateurs in the future.



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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 22nd APRIL, 1931, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th April, 1931. [57]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1931, commencing at 1.30 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 1 P.M.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a Badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including Tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for Payment of All Oils, &c. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course. Members can obtain, upon Application to the SECRETARY, Badges (Limited to One) for the Free Admission to the Members' Enclosure of Wives, Lady Relatives and Friends. Names must be stated when applying. On No Profit will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
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CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT CO., LIMITED. NOTICE.

LIANG CHI HAO, Managing Director, pursuant to the power vested in me under Article 5 of the Articles of Association of this Company intend to offer to the Shareholders on the Register on the 30th APRIL, 1931, the remaining 20,000 Ordinary Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10.00 Each issued by the Company at par in proportion to the existing Shares held by them respectively on that Date.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1931.
LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the Provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the Time for Creditors and others to send in their Claims against the above Estate to 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1931.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned on or before that Date.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the Executors
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF FREDERICK LEONARD PYNE, LATE OF THE FORCE CORPORAION ROAD, FOKESDOWN HILL, HUNTERDON, IN THE COUNTY OF HANTS, FORMERLY OF 8, FAIRVIEW STREET, REDCLIFFE GREEN, KENT, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM DECEASED.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. yesterday state:-

There are indications of an anti-cyclone forming over North China. A depression covers S.W. China.

Local forecast:- Southerly or variable winds, moderate, generally, overcast, rain.

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THE COTTON MISSION'S REPORT.

THE report of the British Cotton Mission, which recently visited China and Japan, contains nothing that is new and very little that is constructive, so far as the British merchant in the Far East is concerned. The "stern warning" to Lancashire that she cannot hope to regain or even retain her trade with China unless her goods are placed on the market at competitive prices, has been delivered *ad nauseam* by British merchants throughout, the East for the last two years, in fact ever since Japan, and, in a very much smaller degree, Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia became factors which had to be reckoned with in the manufacture and distribution of cotton and woollen textiles.

The Mission also tells the British manufacturer that quality has become a secondary consideration in China owing to the reduced purchasing power of the people—a fact which has been evident in Hong Kong and China for some years. Actually it is not so much the reduced purchasing power but the fact that the inferior kinds of cotton piece-goods, especially prints, in which Japan specialises, are in many cases better value for the money. The secret of Japan's success in the cotton trade is the low cost of production, though the British merchant could, also, in some cases, take a leaf out of her book in the matter of marketing. On this subject of the marketing system the Cotton Mission offers several constructive suggestions but has little to say about production costs. True, it urges all engaged in the cotton industry, from the buying of the raw material to the sale of the finished article, to "consider how costs can be reduced," but it offers no suggestion as to how this can be achieved.

As one prominent local merchant told it to us yesterday: "The marketing of piece-goods in Hong Kong and China—and for that matter throughout the East—could probably be improved upon, but the real fault is not at this end. The crux of the matter is the prevailing high wages which obtain throughout the cotton industry, the direct result of trade unionism." This viewpoint was borne out by several other well-known local business-men and seems to us to strike at the root of the decline of Britain's piece-goods trade in the East. There can be no doubt that any material improvement in the situation is dependent either upon a lower rate of wages throughout the trade at home or upon increased output from each operative.

As the Mission states, there is no likelihood of an increase in production costs in the East, which seems to give the lie to one of its own members, Mr. JAMES BELL, M.P., who in the course of an address before members of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, expatiated at considerable length on the benefits that would accrue from trade unionism in China and Japan, and foreshadowed the day, in the near future, when wages and the standard of living in the East would approximate to those obtaining in the West.

With regard to the marketing system in Hong Kong and China, there is undoubtedly room for improvement, but again the fault does not rest altogether at this end, where merchants have, after long and, in many cases, painful experience, evolved a system of distribution which seems to be the best under local circumstances. Gone are the days when the Chinese merchant's word was his bond, and the British piece-goods merchant's path is strewn with thorns.

The Cotton Mission suggests the formation of a company in Britain to control the export and sale of Lancashire goods in China. This, we think, is a step in the right direction, as it would eliminate the many middle-men in London and Manchester, through whom many China merchants do their business, as opposed to dealing direct with the manufacturers. It is true that many old associations would have to be severed and many old and popular "chops" would have to go by the board, but the elimination of the commission drawn by these export houses, commission agents or forwarding agents would be a factor in lowering the price of cotton goods when they reach this end. One corporation in Britain handling the export and sale of Lancashire goods would also cut down the number of cotton manufacturers' representatives in China—one of the most expensive items in the marketing of the product. We are told that in Shanghai there were, until about a year ago, about a hundred and fifty foreign representatives of Manchester and Bradford houses, but this number has now been reduced by nearly half.

As to the Mission's suggestion regarding the holding of stocks in China of bulk lines, this method has been used with great success in the past but in the last few years has proved most unprofitable. Small stocks of "spot cargo" are still held by most of the big piece-goods firms in Hong Kong and Shanghai, but the business done in this manner is only a fraction of what it was. Local merchants have learned by bitter experience that the Chinese dealer, once he knows that ready stocks are to hand, simply refrains from buying until the merchant is forced in time to lower his price. We do not agree, and we shall probably be taken to task for this statement by many local merchants, with the Mission's statement that there are too many merchants handling Lancashire products in China. Competition is always good for trade and for the ultimate consumer, who, after all, creates a demand for any commodity.

Trials of an Art Expert.

The reputation of the late Dr. Wilhelm von Bode has received another blow by the discovery that a Hohlmann, vouched by him as authentic, was in fact a forgery. Thankfully, indeed, is the task of the director of a great museum. Bode is remembered not by the genius which enabled him to create the Kaiser Friedrich and to render it one of the finest galleries in the world, but by the fact that he once mistook the work of a Mr. Lucas for the work of Leonardo da Vinci. The only time I met Dr. Bode he was very cross with a correspondent to a London paper. "To this day I am unaware what had occurred to enrage him, but seldom have I encountered a man more difficult to appease. His assistant, who escorted me to the door, begged me not to mind. You see, he explained, the professor has had an irritating life. Of course, I answered, there was Flora. And the Emperor, my companion added meditatively. This Emperor! I asked. Well, you see, he explained, whenever we bought any new pictures we had to obtain his approval. It was difficult, very difficult. We were anxious, my informant continued, to acquire some of the French Impressionists and even some of the Expressionists. The Emperor really only liked pictures of home life or horses by German artists. Whenever we bought one picture by a French artist we had to buy two domestic scenes by a German. It was very trying. No wonder the professor's nerves are frayed."

★ News and Views ★

Correct Approach.

"I have often marvelled at your aptness at repartee, your—" "If it's more than a pound, old man, I can't do a thing for you. I'm nearly broke myself."

The Bargain.

A well-known London hostess has bought "Genesis," Mr. Epstein's latest monstrosity. At the Leicester Galleries, where it was exhibited, it was priced at 1,500 guineas.

Woman Sits Up In Coffin.

Three hours before she was to have been buried in the Bio-Bio Province of Chile, a 22-year-old woman sat up in her coffin and asked for a drink of water. She had been apparently dead for days. The doctors attending her say that she would undoubtedly have revived in the grave had she not wakened before burial.

Lord Oxford and the Press.

Sir John Simon relates that when Lord Oxford, appointed him Home Secretary in 1918 he said: "Probably the chief task of the Home Secretary is to prevent second-class rows from becoming first-class rows." On another occasion Lord Oxford informed him that throughout his whole career he had only three times written to the Press to correct statements made about him; and after each occasion he wished he hadn't.

Women's Hockey Costume.

A correspondent to a London paper asks why it was that women hockey players did not take to the costume of shorts and shirt which is blamelessly worn by women in so many other games. "I am pleased to observe that now at least one team has ventured on the innovation. I wish them enough success in their games to make the example a compelling one. After all, even if women hockey players are conservative in their dress, they have made certain advances. I remember, many years back, when I was younger and more bashful than I am now, being pressed into service to referee in a women's hockey match. Feverishly studying the rules, I was horrified to find that it would be my duty to satisfy myself that the skirts of the players were not longer than the regulations permitted. I imagine that the modern referee, rarely needs to use his foot-rule."

Shirt-Front Wickets.

Australia, the home of the shirt-front wicket, took a good deal of interest in the recent pronouncement by Lord Hawke that bowlers' hands would be broken if some thing were not soon done to put an end of the "doping" of pitches. The Sydney Cricket Ground is nearly the best place in the world for batmen and the groundsman denies that "dope" is used in the preparation of his precious pitches. Nature does the trick for him as effectively as tons of "dope." He turns on the hose after new soil has been spread over the wicket. The result is that it is full of runs. It is to Bulli soil that the perfection of Sydney wickets is commonly attributed. But the groundsman declares that it comes from Newcastle, New South Wales, 180 miles or so from Bulli. Still, "dope" or Nature, it is one to the tired bowler trying to dislodge residential batmen.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

Normal telegraphic working with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established.

Mrs. Jeng Shee, formerly of California, who is "wanted" by the American authorities on an embezzlement charge, was again before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday and was remanded formally for another week. Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) informed his Worship that the agent from America would be arriving in Hong Kong in May.

An old Chinese, 71 years of age, died following a motor accident from which he was injured. The accident occurred on the Saikung Road near Sha-Ti-On village and it is alleged that the man was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. W. R. Hawes, who recently took up an appointment as ground engineer at the Flying Club at Kai Tak.

A demented man was removed from Shaikwan to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday where he is now under medical observation. The man was seen to jump into the Harbour after a couple of ducks which he had been chasing. He was in the water for over half an hour before a friend, suspecting his condition, intervened and caused his removal to hospital.

First Game in 33 Years.

The first international football match between France and Germany in 33 years ended at Colombes Stadium to-day in a French victory by one goal to nil. Muenzenberg, one of the German halves, accidentally kicked the ball through his own goal. Over 60,000 people watched the match, 15,000 being Germans brought to Paris by special trains. There were 150 German journalists reporting the play. 27 telephone lines were booked to German towns. Mr. T. Crowe, of the British Football Association, was referee. The vast crowd stood together in complete friendliness, and all were bare-headed and silent while the band played the Prussian national air, "Preussened," and the "Marseillaise." In a place of honour hung the German Republic's banner.

Bishop on Sunday Cinemas.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell), in the "Diocesan Gazette," expresses the view that the opening of cinemas on Sundays is essential for the entertainment of certain classes of the people. "We must acknowledge," Dr. Bell adds, "that for one reason or another, large numbers of men and women are unable to entertain themselves, or even employ themselves reasonably, and sanely after working hours, that they feel they cannot exist without some public amusement on Sundays. Indeed, it is often stated that there is more trouble and mischief on Sunday nights in places where no such amusement exists, and young men and women idly roam the streets, than on the other six nights of the week. From this point of view, therefore, it would seem inadvisable for Churchmen as Churchmen to lend themselves to an agitation which is intended to meet a social, even a moral need."

In Ancient Corinth.

Mr. H. G. G. Payne, Director of the British Archaeological School, in a lecture on the British excavations at Perachora, near Corinth, said the excavations brought to light a great quantity of material, most of which dates from the archaic period (the Seventh and Sixth Centuries B.C.). The bulk of the finds consist of pottery decorated in the "orientalising" style of that time, much of it of extraordinary fineness. More important, perhaps, than the pottery was the discovery of a considerable number of bronze votive-offerings. The Corinthian was the most famous of all ancient bronze-fabrics. Little bronze having been found at Corinth itself, the bronzes found at the temple of Hera Akraia constitute the first series which can certainly be called Corinthian. The earliest of the more important pieces are a large griffin's head (about 11in. high) and an engraved bowl, both works of the early Seventh Century. The excavation of the site is to be continued in April and May of this year.

A cook employed at the Wireless Station mess on Stonecutters' Island was fined \$75 or six weeks' hard labour in default when he was convicted on a charge of theft of a saucepan and a quantity of crockery. In the course of the case it was stated that the defendant's employers were completely satisfied with defendant as a cook. His Worship decided to give the man the option of a fine.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Although the weather on Saturday afternoon was dull and threatening, the rain kept off and the first meeting of the Gymkhana Club, which was held at Happy Valley, was successful as heretofore. His Excellency the Governor arrived in time for the first race, and watched the events from the stand next the Judge's box. The intervals between races were enlivened by music supplied by the band of the Royal West Kents. Patrons: H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur W. B. Moore, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., O.M.G., H.E. Major-General Villiers-Hutton, C.B., Commodore H. Pigot Williams, R.N. Members of Committee: The Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (ex-officio), Lt. Col. Aitken, Major Parker, Messrs. G. K. Hall-Bruton, C. H. Ross, J. A. Jupp, and H. P. White. Judge: Mr. C. H. Ross. Clerk of the

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SPANISH ROYAL FAMILY ARRIVE IN FRANCE.

MADRID'S EXCITEMENT SUBSIDES AND NORMAL LIFE RESUMED.

KING ALFONSO WILL BOW TO JUNE ELECTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

His Majesty Has Not Abdicated.

MARSEILLES, April 16. "Make it quite clear that His Majesty has not abdicated," said the Duke of Miranda, King Alfonso's major domo, interviewed by Reuter.

King Alfonso, who declined to see interviewers, instructed the Duke of Miranda to make a statement on his behalf.

The Duke of Miranda declared that the King fully retained all his royal prerogatives. His sole object in leaving Spain was to avoid civil war.

The King will allow the people to pronounce definitely at the general elections in June, and will bow to the decision of the people.

King Alfonso plans to join his family in Paris, where he will stay some time, after which the Royal Family may go to London, but nothing has been definitely decided.

Ex-King Alfonso Arrives at Marseille.

MARSEILLES, April 16. Ex-King Alfonso has arrived here. Ex-King En Route to Paris.

LATER. Ex-King Alfonso is proceeding to Paris at noon.

"Leave Me Alone, Please."

LATER. The cruiser Principe Alfonso slipped unobtrusively out of harbour at dawn.

Ex-King Alfonso, dressed in a brown coat and a dark grey suit, looking like any ordinary traveller, landed at four o'clock, accompanied by the Duke of Miranda and his cousin, the Infante Alfonso of Bourbon.

The party hailed a taxi and drove through the deserted streets to a fashionable hotel.

Ex-King Alfonso did not look unduly tired after his ordeal, but went straight to his room, and had breakfast.

"Leave me alone, please," was all ex-King Alfonso would say to a journalist who followed him to the hotel, and he pushed the would-be interviewer aside with a gentle gesture.

Queen Ena Arrives at Paris.

PARIS, April 16. Queen Ena of Spain and her family arrived at Paris at 7 o'clock this morning.

Tremendous crowds gathered outside the station to witness the arrival of Queen Ena.

President Doumergue's representatives, the Papal Nuncio and Spanish Ambassadors at Paris and Brussels greeted Her Majesty on the red-carpeted platform.

Queen Ena, who was calm and self-possessed, was presented with red and yellow bouquets (monarchical colours), but her daughters were nervous and in tears.

There was a touching scene when the porters lifted the invalid Prince of the Asturias from the carriage.

Cries of "Vive la Reine!" greeted the party on entering their motor-cars, which were hardly able to move through the dense crowd.

Twenty-eight rooms are reserved in the Hotel Rue Rivoli for the Royalists and suite, numbering 33.

Queen of the Belgians Visiting Queen Ena.

BRUSSELS, April 16. The Queen of the Belgians has gone to Paris to visit Queen Ena.

How Queen Ena Left Madrid.

MADRID, April 16. Tears streamed down the face of the Duke of Saragossa, the nobleman driver of Spanish royal trains, as he opened the throttle of the engine of the train conveying Queen Ena and her family to the frontier.

The party, which boarded the train at Escurial station (not El Pantoja), a few miles north-west of the capital, included Queen Ena and her daughters Beatrice and Christina and her sons Jaime Gonzalo and the Prince of the Asturias.

The party's motor-cars were drawn up on the roadway near the station an hour before the train steamed in.

On arrival at the station Queen Ena was greeted by the members of the late Government and a number of aristocrats.

Ladies, overcome with emotion, surrounded the Royal Family and flung their arms round Queen Ena and her children.

The Prince of the Asturias, who is suffering from a distressing malady, was carried to the train in the arms of attendants.

France Moved by Queen's Tears.

BORDEAUX, April 16. A Queen's tears have deeply moved Republican France.

Her Majesty was acclaimed at every stopping place after leaving the frontier, and the Royal saloon was heaped with floral offerings.

Even in Spain there were affectionate greetings at many towns.

A group of friends bidding farewell at San Sebastian broke down on seeing the Queen, with tear-stained face and her hair noticeably whiter.

Talking to a French journalist at Hendaye, Queen Ena said she was unaware of the whereabouts of King Alfonso. "All I know is that the ship transporting him has disappeared from sight of land. Oh, what terrible hours!"

The interviewer expressed the opinion that abdication was preferable to bloodshed.

The weary Queen suddenly became galvanised and exclaimed: "Abdicate! He has gone! That is all!"

The Queen said the revolution was most unexpected. It seemed as if a wave of communism had frenzied the people. "If we had remained in Madrid I do not know what would have happened—even our lives!"

The Queen paused, and added: "The army at least was partly for King Alfonso, but he did not wish to appeal to it."

Communist Disturbances at Seville.

SEVILLE, April 16. Martial-law has been declared here as the result of Communist disturbances.

The Communists demonstrated at the barracks, demanding arms with which to fight the Civil Guards, whom they regard as monarchist mercenaries.

Shots were exchanged between the troops and the demonstrators. One Communist was killed.

The troops were called out at Seville to prevent trouble.

Quiet is reported elsewhere.

Excitement at Madrid Subsidised.

MADRID, April 16. The excitement has subsided and the population has resumed its normal life.

Fires at Malaga.

A mob at Malaga set fire to the offices of the Mercantile Union.

The mob punctured the boxes of the firemen fighting the flames.

The buildings were gutted.

The warehouse and offices of another local firm were burned down.

Ex-King Alfonso's Whereabouts.

MARSEILLES, April 15. For the second time in two days everyone is asking "Where is Alfonso?"

French and Spanish wireless stations have been fruitlessly trying to get in touch with the cruiser since his departure for Cartagena.

The fact that the warship has not arrived here as was expected provokes speculation as to the King's destination.

Government Investigating Predecessors' Misdeeds.

MADRID, April 15. The "wanted" ex-Premier, General Berenguer, has arrived in Portugal.

The Government is early devoting its attention to delving into its predecessors' "misdeeds" and is resolved to reopen the enquiry into the causes of the fall of Melilla a decade ago, and the conduct of everyone in connection with the first dictatorship.

Eloting at Barcelona.

Renewed rioting has broken out in Barcelona, where three people were shot dead.

Ex-King's Manifesto.

PARIS, April 15. A manifesto prepared by ex-King Alfonso before leaving Madrid says that the elections clearly showed him that he had lost the love of his people, but his conscience tells him that this disaffection will not be permanent, because he always acted so as to serve Spain. Doubtless he erred sometimes, but Spain was always generous to unwilling faults. He might have used various means to maintain the Royal prerogative to fight his adversaries effectively, but he resolutely wants to eschew anything that might throw his countrymen into a civil, fratricidal war.

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MUKDEN ELECTION DISTURBANCES.

INSTIGATED BY EDUCATIONAL BUREAU OFFICIALS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MUKDEN, April 16. There were serious disturbances at Mukden yesterday during the elections for the National Assembly. The trouble was instigated by two officials of the Educational Bureau and two professors.

An order for their arrest has been issued.

Love of His Country.

Ex-King Alfonso, in his manifesto, says: "I renounce none of my rights. I am waiting to learn the real expression of collective opinion of the public, and until the nation has spoken I shall deliberately suspend the exercise of Royal power and depart from Spain, thus recognising that she is the sole mistress of her destinies. I am performing a duty dictated to me by love of my country, and I pray God that other Spaniards may have as deep a comprehension of their duty as I."

Affecting Scenes.

Ex-King Alfonso's departure from the Palace, which was arranged very secretly, was most affecting.

While motor-cars were waiting and courtiers standing by a so-called "secret" door opening on the Campo del Moro, ex-King Alfonso went to the room of his ailing son, Prince of Asturias, with whom several nobles were conversing.

The nobles departed, leaving ex-King Alfonso alone with his son. Ex-King Alfonso, re-appearing, saluted the boy-king. His face now manner did not betray emotion when he said:

"I have to demonstrate that I am more democratic than those who consider themselves democratic. It was the only one thing to do after the result of Sunday's voting, and if I failed to do this I should bring about civil war. I love Spain too much not to do this."

The listeners were in tears as ex-King Alfonso, with affectionate phrases, embraced them severally, and partook of a light supper. He bade farewell to the Queen and his children, asking them to return to their room. He then spoke a few words to the Guard of Honour and Halberdiers, whose officers broke into cries of "Viva el Rey!"

All were very moved, but the ex-King, still calm, waved his hand, turned as he entered the lift, and said quietly: "Long Live Spain!" and departed.

Queen Ena Departs.

HENDAYE, April 15. Queen Ena with her family arrived by train here and was respectfully greeted throughout the route.

There was some delay, owing to an overheated axle, and the carriage had to be changed.

General Sanjurjo, head of the Civil Guards, and a special body of guards wearing red brassards, accompanied the Queen to the frontier.

Discipline Enjoined.

MADRID, April 15. While Spain was holidaying the Provisional Government was working hard publishing decrees urging discipline and the maintenance of order, nominating Ministers, and establishing statutes for the Government, providing an amnesty and creating a Ministry of Communications.

Government's Apologia.

In a long apologia for its existence, the Government declares that although it has full powers, it is prepared to submit its actions to the verdict of a constituent Assembly, and recommends an enquiry into the events preceding the dissolution of Parliament in 1923, and subsequent happenings, and the revision of official, civil, and military organisations.

It concludes by assuring respect for private property, and the improvement of the condition of the peasantry.

The amended list of the Provisional Government is: Senor Martinez Barrios as Minister of Communications; Senor Nicolas Dolera as Minister of Economy; Senor Marcelino Domingo as Minister of Public Instruction; and Senor Fernando Delors as Minister of Justice.

Navy Turns.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Squadron has telegraphed from Cartagena that the Republic has been proclaimed on all warships.

Advices from Tetuan state that the Republic has been proclaimed in Spanish Morocco.

The High Commissioner has telegraphed Madrid announcing his adherence to the new regime.

The native guard in the High Commissioner's office, mistaking the intentions of demonstrators holding a procession, fired, wounding eight persons.

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SINO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY REDEMPTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, April 16. An official telegram from Moh Teh Hui, China's chief delegate, states that the Sino-Soviet Conference at Moscow was resumed on April 11, when the Chinese proposal for the redemption of the Chinese Eastern Railway was presented to M. Karakhan, who submitted counter-proposals.

M. Karakhan signed agreement in principle with the purchase of the Russian interests in the Chinese Eastern Railway.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold another meeting on April 21.

NORWAY'S LABOUR TROUBLES.

FRESH INDUSTRIES AFFECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Oslo, April 16. The labour troubles are rapidly paralysing fresh industries, and a new lock-out has been enforced, involving tobacco factories, breweries, and chemical works, in addition to the previous iron, steel, engineering, textile and building trade lock-outs.

ROCKET PLANE EXPERIMENT.

ASCENDS SIX THOUSAND FEET AND RETURNS SAFELY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSNABRUECK, April 15. Claimed by its inventor, an aeronautical engineer named Reinhold Tilling, to be "a real rocket plane," because it returns near to its starting-point, a new rocket was tried-out here today.

The rocket reached a height of 6,000 feet, where it automatically unfolded two wings and glided to the earth undamaged.

The rocket is propelled by powder, and the inventor contemplates constructing one capable of carrying a man.

Los Angeles Wants Ex-King! [REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 15. Municipal publicists are seizing the shining hour afforded by the ex-King's abdication, and wireless messages have been sent from Los Angeles inviting ex-King Alfonso to come and forget his troubles at the Fiesta to be held there in September, and from St. Augustine, Florida, inviting him to settle down in the homely atmosphere of their town, the oldest city in the United States, with a Spanish background dating back to 1565.

Bloodshed at Tetuan.

TANGIER, April 15. Blood has been shed in Tetuan through a difference of view regarding the new Spanish Republic.

The crowd insisted on hoisting the Republican flag on the residence of the senior official.

The latter objected and ordered the guard to fire.

Two persons were killed and several wounded.

Suspicion Replaces Good Temper.

MADRID, April 15. Ugly suspicion for the moment dangerously replaced the good-will with which the crowds had previously regarded the Civil Guards.

Excited people started booing and baiting the Guards as monarchist relics.

The situation was saved by senior officers ostentatiously tearing off the Royal crown from their uniforms.

The rank and file followed suit to the shrieking joy of the holders.

Treaty to be Scrapped.

PARIS, April 15. Indications of the Spanish Republican Government's policy were given by Senor Prieto when interviewed in the train proceeding to Spain. He affirmed: "We shall meet all our financial engagements."

Replying to a query as to what Spain would do in connection with the Italo-Spanish Treaty, which had caused such heart burnings in France, Senor Prieto snapped: "Denounce it immediately!"

The Foreign Minister, Senor Lerroux, interviewed, affirmed the Republicans' ability to avoid dismemberment of the country or slipping toward the extreme left.

ANCIENT RELICS FOUND IN HONAN.

LEFT BY ROYAL FAMILY OF SHANG DYNASTY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, April 16. It is reported that another valuable haul of ancient relics has been unearthed at Ancheng, Honan.

The finds include animal bones, pottery, copper, arrowheads and ivory ornaments.

It is believed they had been left by the Royal Family of the Shang dynasty, which flourished about the fourteenth century, B.C.

EXTRALITY IN CHINA.

NO BRITISH STATEMENT POSSIBLE AT PRESENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 15. Replying in the House of Commons to Sir Kingsley Wood (Cons., Woolwich West), Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, stated that the negotiations with the Nanking Government with regard to extralimity were still proceeding.

He was not, however, yet in a position to make any statement on the subject.

Petitions from Provincial Bodies.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 16. Petitions from a number of public bodies and Kuomintang branches in several provinces in support of the Central Government taking definite steps to end the extralimity regime in China before the opening of the People's Convention have been received by the Nanking authorities during the past few days.

The latest petition is from the Diplomatic Association of Manchuria, which insists that extra-territorial rights should be unconditionally surrendered by the Powers.

CHINA'S BAN ON FOREIGN FISHING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

NANKING, April 16. The Nanking Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs have jointly instructed the Shanghai Customs House not to allow foreign fishing boats to enter Chinese waters after May 1. Imported fish from any foreign exporting port will be required to pay the scheduled rate of tax.

WUCHOW-NANNING SHIPPING.

RESUMPTION OF NORMAL TRAFFIC.

(Chun Wan Yat Pao.)

WUCHOW, April 16. Although the Kwangsi situation has not as yet been definitely settled, the fact that all military activities have been suspended is enabling shipping communication between Wuchow and Nanning (the capital of Kwangsi) to be resumed to its fullest extent.

There are large numbers of cargo-boats and passenger launches plying between the two places and doing considerable business.

Freight rates charged on goods and passenger fares are very low in comparison with those during the past few months.

Up-country districts in North-eastern Kwangsi are, however, bandit-infested, and consequently communication between Kweilin and Wuchow is at a standstill.

HONG KONG CIVIL SERVANTS' SALARIES.

NO CHANGE IN CONVERSION RATES AT PRESENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 15. The rate of payment of Hong Kong civil servants was raised at question-time in the House of Commons, and Dr. Drummond Shiels, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replying, confirmed that civil servants were now being paid on a basis of half at true and half at an artificial exchange.

He added, says Reuter, that new recruits will be paid on the same basis, though new recruits are being informed of the conversion rates.

Dr. Shiels said that in view of the serious financial position of the Hong Kong Government, no change in the conversion rates was possible at the present time, but the matter would be reconsidered on the receipt of the report of the Commission which had been sent to Hong Kong to review the currency position.

BELGIAN PRIEST MURDERED.

BODY FOUND ON RIVER BANK NEAR PATUNG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, April 16. It is reported that the Belgian priest, Maryn Acons, who was captured by Communists at the looting of Patung, in Hupeh Province, on April 4, has been murdered.

His body was discovered on the river bank near Patung.

KING GEORGE'S HEALTH.

PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WINDSOR, April 16. The King is progressing satisfactorily.

No further official statements will be issued.

KING OF SIAM ILL.

VANCOUVER ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

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Sports News

CRICKET TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

"AND SO, TO BED."

WEEKLY REVIEW BY R. ABBIT.

On Saturday last no less than two League matches were played. Of them I shall speak later. So far as I can ascertain the League season may be regarded as at an end. The Gunners are two matches adrift, the Club and University one apiece. The Civil Service, K.C.C., Craigengower, I.R.C. and Navy have completed their programmes, with the latter team conceding the points to Craigengower. When matches are left unplayed in a League which has a season lasting from October to mid-April, and when the full programme consists of seven matches only, it would seem that that League is in a bad way. There has been no interport to distract players or upset the fixture lists. One cannot get away from the fact that it has been an unsatisfactory season. I have dilated on the causes of the trouble *ad nauseam*. I now say no more than that if Cricket is to go on upon satisfactory lines, the cricketers have got to get down to business and see to it. The League Committee seem the people to take up the glove and get on with business.

The Shield Winners.

The I.R.C. won the Senior Shield, fair and square. Later in this article I shall relate how the Craigengower eleven caught them bending on Saturday last but

"Non semper artem."

"Penitit Apollo."

The I.R.C. have won the Shield, and I take leave to say that they thoroughly deserve it. I have not seen a great deal of them until lately, and it may be that I may seem to have done them less than justice. Actually, I have been so assured of their excellence that I may have remained silent on the grounds that "Good wine needs no bush." They are an excellent team, cricket all through. They are on the young side in years—though, perhaps, not so young in cricket experience. In Pereira, the newcomer they have a fine fast bowler, and a rather brilliant batter. Minu's left-hand round, slow medium bowling has been a feature of the season. The Runjans have been a tower of strength. But it is, perhaps, inadvisable to particularize. It was a case of "if somebody did not come off, some one else would." As regards the play I do not wish to meet a more cheery, hospitable and (above all) sporting side. They play the game in the spirit in which it should be played. I hope to publish a short review of their season with more bending on Saturday last but

Collapse of the Civil Service.

Hopelessly stale, and rather disgruntled after a season which seems to have consisted of gaps of two or three weeks between matches, the C.S.C. again collapsed hopelessly with the bat when playing R.O.C. on Saturday last. It is true that they found Goodwin at the top of his form with exactly the wicket he likes—rather bare of grass and fast. But that does not excuse the way in which batsmen after batsman played back to him. It was the sort of wicket on which one could (and should) have played forward to anything but the rankest long hop; that is, of course, if one timed one's stroke. What Goodwin was doing was to bowl an immaculate length, swinging up from leg about three balls an over, and adding an inch or two of leg break twice an over! A moment's thought will show the difference in the variation of direction the batsman has to cope with when playing forward and back, respectively. I should put the difference at the width of a bat, and a half.

A Brilliant Hat-Trick.

Some achieve Hat Tricks. Others, at the end of an innings, have Hat Tricks thrust upon them. Goodwin's case of the former class. He opened with a maiden. In his next over Bayer drove him to long-off for four and then suffered one of those mental lapses and tried to cut a good length ball off his middle stump. He paid the usual penalty. The

next ball was of perfect length coming off tremendously fast (as Goodwin did all through) and turning in from leg. It just took the top of the leg stick. Richardson, as most people would have done if they got such a beauty first ball, failed to stop it. The next ball was also of perfect length, outside the leg stump and swinging in. I was almost plumb behind the stumps and can vouch that McLellan played straight down the line of the leg peg; but unfortunately there was a bit of a leg break on as well and the ball took the middle and off peg.

Disaster.

As a matter of fact Frank nearly repeated his feat of a season or two ago, as his next ball grazed R. M. Wood's off stump, but did not hit it. Thereafter wickets fell readily. He bowled Evans with a beauty, and afterwards Ling and Wood both played back and across and were out. The ball that bowled Evans was another leg-break which swung as well. Evans was beaten and hung his bat at it on the line of the leg stump in a half-cock shot but the ball came up too far and took the off-stick. Altogether, although some of the opposition was not very clever, Goodwin brought off a really fine performance to take seven wickets for thirteen in nine overs, of which four were maidens.

A Ten Wickets Victory.

Bruce and Mackay hit off the runs after a start at the rate of a half run per over. Bruce batted very well. Mackay hit well to leg. He is very sure on turning balls off his sticks though his whole leg game could be held by two well placed fieldsmen. He may well deserve a place in the Trials next season, but he has got to develop an off game. Like so many of our local youngsters (I used to play cricket with his father in my salad days), all his shots on the off go straight to hand in a normally placed field. And all these pretty leg shots and draws come to bits hopelessly when it is a question of interport bowling. We shall see.

Craigengower's Brilliant Win.

I cannot help thinking that the I.R.C. made just a little too sure of their game with the C.C.C. and were a trifle short of practice. It would, however, be a little unfair to the gallant batting of the home side, after losing their first wicket for five runs only. Zimmerman was the hero of the occasion and I hear he batted very well indeed. Lim gave most valuable support for the second wicket, as, had another batsman followed A. T. Lee back to the Pavilion in quick succession, the C.C.C. would probably have been out for under a hundred. Omar stayed for a bit and Hanson got a bit before being run out. He is developing into a useful but not his run—on lack of it—and I think his physical strength, and serious handicaps. Lim declared early on at a hundred and sixty-four for eight, and the I.R.C. had time to get the runs.

Adverse Conditions.

It was a terribly hot and muggy afternoon and I think this rather took the edge off the I.R.C. bowling. At any rate they were a tired side when they went in to bat. Omar started bowling excellently, with a shade of leg turn and enough fielders on the leg side to make his leg side attack inexpensive. Quite early on Patterson took S. A. Lamm brilliantly behind the stumps from a chance on the leg side off Omar. It was rather a case of dog eat dog between the two stumpers. Lamm thought the ball hit his pads only, but from the shot he made he must have been very near hitting it anyway. Then trouble came, chiefly from Omar's leg-breaks as he bowled A. el Arculli of his pads, and then got A. A. Runjahn and A. K. Minu in quick succession. A. T. Lee carried on the good work while the I.R.C. batted like tired men. A. R. Minu alone by hard-hitting, did well with thirty-seven, and he was only run out tenth wicket in the last of his middle stump. (Continued on next Column.)

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

FURTHER POSTPONED.

No play took place yesterday, and for the fourth consecutive day all matches down for decision being postponed.

To-day's programme follows:—

Open Doubles.

M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. Ho Ka Lau and Yew Man Kit.
P. Kong and W. T. Lee v. H. Lo and Lu Tak Cheuk.

Handicap Singles "A."

C. W. E. Holmes (owe 15) v. H. F. Foley (scr.).

Handicap Doubles.

Owen Hughes and More (owe 15) v. Low and Dowley (rec. 5/0).
Miskin and Blaker (owe 1/0) v. Haworth and Turner (scr.).
Rodger and Rodger (owe 1/0) v. Henderson and Bishop (owe 1/0).
Stock and Humphreys (rec. 5/0) v. Nash and Hill (owe 2/0).
Humphreys and Wild (owe 3/0) v. Buttress and Woodman (rec. 5/0).

Mixed Doubles.

Sewall and Mrs. Piercy (owe 1/0) v. A. D. Humphreys and Miss Thomas (owe 15).

LADIES' HOCKEY.

FINAL OF CAER CLARK CUP.

The last match in the Caer Clark Cup competition will be played on Saturday at 'Sookunpoo', commencing at 3.45 p.m. between the St. Andrew's Ladies' Hockey Club and the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

At the conclusion of the game the Cup will be presented.

The teams are as follows:—

St. Andrew's:—R. Rose, P. Woolley, I. Rogers, I. Gittins, M. White, I. Woolley, P. Gittens, M. Churn, M. Woolley, N. Field, and E. Landolt. Reserve: J. Wong.
Hong Kong:—G. Little, E. Gray, J. Smalley, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen Hughes, M. Wallace, I. Bell, E. G. Ross, E. M. Donelan, C. Ferguson, and M. Bishop.

trying to bag the bowling. Any hope, meantime, that Pereira could hit off the runs quickly was soon done with. He got a lofty four to third man and was then c and b by R. Lee from a tame return. All was soon over. Curiously enough the light failed badly at the end, thanks to the abominable weather that seems inevitable this year.

Congratulations.

I cannot but feel that the I.R.C. made no difference to the Shield they so well deserved. I am glad Craigengower won! They have had a disappointing season. Their batting has depended too much on two or three people, but anyway they got a handsome victory last Saturday. I notice the I.R.C. skipper was the first of many who congratulated H. P. Lim on the victory. I shall deal with the C.C.C. team's season when I have space next week, probably on Tuesday. (Editors are a bit sniffy about space on the Monday following an Extra Race Meeting!)

The End of the Season?

I cannot for the life of me make out if the season is ended or not. I hear rumours of a Club v. Army match to-morrow at the Hong Kong Club and as I mentioned last week, the Gunners still have to play the Club and the University. The League table cannot be settled until these points are allocated and it seems to me it would be more satisfactory if none of the teams got any. In any case there is something wrong with the League Table as published, owing chiefly about the H.K.C.C. and Craigengower match, which the Club won by ten runs. It definitely was a League game. The Table to my mind should read thus:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
I.R.C.	7	5	1	1	10
University	8	3	2	1	11
C.S.C.	7	3	1	3	10
H.K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	10
K.C.C.	7	2	3	2	9
R.A.	5	2	1	2	7
C.C.C.	6	2	0	4	8
Navy	7	1	0	3	8

If the two matches are played off, it may mean that either University, Club or Gunners might be runners up. I can't work out the possible combinations out but I think the table may well be left as it is.

My next article will probably be the last of this season's local notes as far as I can see. (Much cheering and loud laughter in places.)

R. ABBIT.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CELTIC WIN CUP FINAL IN SCOTLAND.

MOTHERWELL DISAPPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 15. Glasgow Celtic defeated Motherwell by four goals to two in the Scottish Cup final replay at Hampden Park, Glasgow, to-day, before a gate estimated at 90,000.

The challenge which Motherwell threw down to the redoubtable Celtic so sensationally on Saturday, when they forced a draw after a hard struggle, was resumed after rain, lasting all the morning, had cleared up half an hour before the start, leaving the pitch in excellent condition.

Celtic won the toss and took advantage of a stiff breeze blowing down the pitch. The first half hour provided slow football, with neither team holding the upper hand, and then Bert Thomson went in to score from a doubtful position. The referee, ignoring Motherwell's protest, awarded the goal. A furious attack by Motherwell ended in Murdoch scoring from a beautifully placed corner kick by Ferrier.

Celtic Regain the Lead.

Celtic worked hard to regain the lead, which followed immediately, when McGorry scored the second goal. A third goal was quickly added by Bert Thomson before half time when Celtic held the lead by three goals to one.

In the second half, assisted by the wind, Motherwell, attacked strongly, but fouls on Bert Thomson, who was playing a fine game for the Celts, spoiled a number of promising movements.

John Thomson, in Celtic's goal, had a busy time, and he put up a fine display, making some spectacular saves, particularly at one stage when he cleared five shots in quick succession.

Murdoch's craft enabled him to beat the Celtic's defence, but his final shot struck the foot of the post. The ball rebounded to McGorry, who allowed it to pass in Stevenson, who seized on the chance and beat Thomson with a splendid first-time drive from twenty yards' range, the ball passing low down near the post.

Motherwell strove hard for an equaliser, but Celtic's defence stood up to their attacks splendidly, and in a breakaway four minutes from the final whistle, the Celtic attack went through for McGorry to shoot into an empty net. Motherwell's custodian having left his position in order to meet the attack.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

ORIENT SWAMPED.

A number of matches in the English League which were on the postponed list were completed during the day. West Bromwich secured an easy win over Reading, while Clapton Orient were outplayed by Exeter City, who won six goals to one.

The following were the results:—
Division I.
Liverpool..... 0 Birmingham..... 0
Division II.
Reading..... 0 West Brom..... 3
Division III. (Southern).
Exeter..... 6 Clapton O..... 1
Division III. (Northern).
Gateshead..... 2 Stockport..... 1

HONG KONG AQUATICS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTER-PORT WITH SHANGHAI.

A meeting of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association was held at the V.R.C. on Wednesday evening, when the following representatives of the various clubs were present:—Mr. W. Logan (Chairman), Mr. J. Stewart (Hon. Sec.), Mr. E. Raitlen (Hon. Treas.), Dr. D. Laidlaw (V.R.C.), Mr. J. A. Victor (V.R.C.), Lieut. Roper Caldecott (Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders), Mr. Wong Kam Ying (C.A.A.), Lieut. Wolfe Barry (R.A.), Commander Morris (Royal Navy), and University representative.

On the proposition of Mr. Logan and seconded by Lieut. Roper Caldecott, Mr. J. A. Victor was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary to take the place of Mr. J. Stewart who will shortly be leaving the Colony.

Commander Morris and Mr. D. Liang were elected as representatives for the Royal Navy and Civilian respectively.

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that every effort be made to send a side up to Shanghai for an interport contest and a sub-committee will be appointed to discuss the financial side of the question. It is hoped to raise the necessary funds by holding night fetes and interport trials and in this respect the V.R.C. will afford the Association every facility. The Chinese representatives have been asked to co-operate by holding, if possible, one or two night fetes at North Point.

It was also proposed that if funds allowed, a team of ladies be sent up to compete for interport honours.

CANTON-HONG KONG POLICE MATCH.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 18. In response to the request of the local Police football team, the Hong Kong Police football team is expected to be in Canton for a friendly match with the former on Saturday afternoon.

The game will be played on the ground of the Canton Police Training Institute, Wai Fook Road, East.

The visiting team is expected to leave Hong Kong to-morrow night, arriving here early on Saturday morning.

The match is being looked forward to with the greatest interest in athletic circles here. The Canton Police team is by far the strongest team in Canton. All the other teams in the city, including foreign teams from Shanghai, have had to go under.

INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT.

POPULARISING THE GAME IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 16.

Under the auspices of the Yuet Shau Athletic Association in Tungshan, an international baseball tournament is being formed, the purpose of which is to arouse the interest of the people of Canton and Hong Kong in baseball. The chief promoter is Mr. C. C. Lee, Chief of the Bureau of Public Utilities and a baseball player of note. It has long been his desire to popularize baseball in Canton, and he has left no stone unturned in doing so. Up to the present he has been playing in practically restricted to those returned from overseas.

Mr. Lee is sending out invitations to different athletic organizations, Chinese and foreign, and schools in the city, urging them to form baseball teams and take an active part in the coming tournament.

In an interview with your correspondent, this morning, he said some six or seven baseball teams are being organized in the city. The first game of the season will be played in the early part of June, on the Yuet Shau baseball field.

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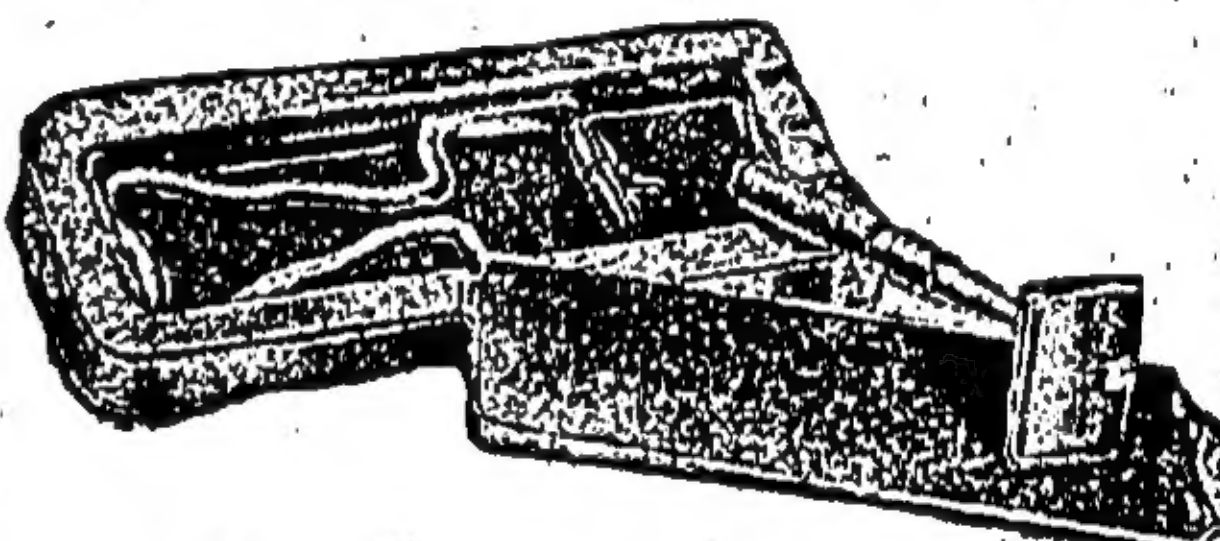
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Transfer of Funds.

Due to these factors the Profit and Loss Account for the past financial year has had to bear a heavier charge for bank interest than would have been the case had more favourable exchange rates ruled. Since the end of the last financial year, however, it has been possible to take advantage of a temporary favourable trend in exchange and transfer approximately £1 lakhs (out of 30 lakhs) of dollars from Shanghai to Hong Kong in reduction of our indebtedness to the Bank in Hong Kong. The current year's working should therefore benefit materially from a saving in interest consequential upon the transfer mentioned.

A further reduction in our interest charges is also forehadowed in view of your Board having decided to issue the balance of the shares constituting the Company's unissued capital. The issue of this new capital should make available, from July 1, 1931, a further 30 lakhs in reduction of our indebtedness, and the Company's financial position should undoubtedly then assume an extremely favourable aspect. I think it well to mention here that, normally, the nature of the Company's business involves multitudinous small cash transactions daily, and the collective compounded benefits of these meet most favourably as soon as our floating debt descends to the level of the figure it approximates to-day. Whilst on this subject I should like to point out that for the six years 1925 to 1930, a period of extreme business depression, your Company has carried a mortgage debt averaging steadily over £7,000,000 and has met in interest thereon during that period some £3,000,000. During the years to which I have referred, abnormal factors have arisen tending to seriously increase our trading difficulties, and render the times very "lean" ones. In the case of the year under review the unprecedented depression of the local currency has largely contributed to the comparatively poor results shown, for although the situation has forced us to increase tariffs from time to time, nevertheless, it has not been deemed politic to pass on to patrons the full increase in prices in the ratio warranted by our increased production costs.

Improved Position.

In spite of the adverse times encountered, however, your Board have fortunately been able to present to you regularly, during the period in question, Profit and Loss Accounts showing balances on the right side, and you will recollect that in respect of several of those past years your Board did not recommend the declaration of a dividend out of the profits displayed, due to the restricted liquid resources then available, and to the fact that projects involving heavy capital expenditure were then uncompleted. Today the situation is altered and much more favourable, and, having regard to the improved position *vis a vis* our mortgage indebtedness previously mentioned, and the further considerable improvement resultant from the very good business experienced at our establishments during the first quarter of this year, your Directors feel that they are in no sense acting imprudently in providing out of Depreciation Reserve a Reserve built up from appropriations from past profits—part of the depreciation written off the Company's fixed assets during the year, thus enabling the dividend to be maintained.

There being no further matters to which I can usefully refer, I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 1930, as presented be adopted, and that the following appropriations recommended by your Directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet be carried into effect:—Pay a dividend of 50 cents per share on 796,337 shares, \$398,175.50; carry forward to New Account \$114,938.57; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the Report and Accounts may be raised.

Seconded's Speech.

Mr. J. E. Joseph, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I feel confident that you will support me when I say that we have all just listened with no little satisfaction and interest to the gratifying results of the past year's working so satisfactorily and clearly reviewed and explained from the chair. Although the total profits for this year show a decrease of some sixty thousand dollars as compared with the preceding one, the result on the whole, as our Chairman has pointed out, must not be regarded as unsatisfactory.

With these few observations and comments, Mr. Chairman, I have great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and the appropriations as recommended by our Directors, as incorporated in the balance sheet be carried into effect.

For this result was obtained in spite of the very serious and continued heavy depreciation in exchange during the major portion of the year under review, with all its consequential adverse effects on the operating costs of every department of our various establishments, apart from the necessary replacements to plant and machinery, as well as the general equipment of the hotel. While on the other hand it must be gratifying to learn that an appreciable increase in patronage over that enjoyed last year, was noticeable. Coupled with this fact, it must also be satisfactory to know that returns from the Northern port, during the first quarter of the current year, record further improved business, over the corresponding period last year.

Bank interest, too, I feel sure we are all particularly pleased to note is reduced by \$100,415, due to the substantial decrease of the Company's indebtedness, made possible by the receipt of funds representing the purchase price of the Majestic Hotel property.

New Issues Approved.

Under the existing conditions, I certainly approve of the increase of working capital by a new issue as proposed, and if I may also say so, I am surprised that more such calls, by the Boards of other local Companies, taking advantage of the present abnormal money market conditions prevailing here, which after all is really in the interests of shareholders, have not been more in evidence already.

For depreciation, too, liberal allowances have been made, though it was necessary and considered expedient to withdraw the sum of two hundred thousand dollars from the "Depreciation Reserve" in order to provide for the standard set in past years in respect of the Company's various classes of assets.

All other items appearing in the balance sheet before us are very clearly set forth and so call for no further explanation. I venture to express the hope, however, that the improvement in the position of our investment in Peking, as a result of being relieved of all debt, and aided by a greater volume of business now experienced at the Hotel there, will cause an early termination of the long period of non-productiveness of this investment.

Exchange.

It is interesting to learn, in connection with the "Bus" service operated by the Company, that the services on all routes have experienced considerable increased popularity during the year, and the total number of passengers carried approximates nearly seven millions; though the increase of revenue from the augmented patronage was offset in a measure by increased costs of operation due to a declining exchange, with the result that the net profits of the "Bus" Department are practically about the same as the previous year.

While on the subject of exchange, which in this part of the world, is a factor overshadowing all else in importance in the calculations of the business man in all his transactions, especially in these difficult times, I feel sure that I am merely voicing the wishes and views of all business men, that a currency of more stability and intrinsic value and also less addicted to such violent fluctuations by the mere operations or whims of irresponsible speculators outside the Colony's operative influence, should be made available for the needs and requirements of all in the interests of trade and commerce of this important Colony. But the many difficulties in the way are not to be overlooked and the life-long gratitude and thanks of all who have the Colony's welfare and interest at heart, would be fully earned by the Commission of experts now studying this perplexing problem, if they could only find or evolve some reasonably satisfactory solution soon.

In conclusion, I hope and trust that the long period of stagnation and unsatisfactory business just referred to by our Chairman is nearing its end, and with our improved financial resources and position, a new era of more prosperity is also now about to dawn upon us.

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RABBIT CATCHER'S CHALLENGE.

TAKEN UP BY FARM HAND.

The latest British challenge to championship honours comes from Mr. Isaac Gough, of Gloucestershire, who holds the distinction of being Britain's champion rabbit catcher.

Addressing the University of London Animal Welfare Society he stated that he had been catching rabbits for 37 years, and this was his challenge to the world.

"After any piece of ground has been gone over with nets for three nights, I will go over it again and trap 100 per cent. more rabbits."

Mr. H. Collington, a farm worker, of Gloucestershire, took up the challenge at once, and a "match" is to be arranged.

Here are some of Mr. Gough's achievements:

Since last August he and two sons have caught 52,343 rabbits. Caught 1,500 in ten days. Caught 334 in one night.

He has caught 75 rabbits every night in the year.

Makes so much money from trapping that he pays income-tax and is proud of it.

Mr. Gough stated that he would willingly scrap his £75 worth of traps, which he admits are cruel, and use a humane one, but added that the humane trap had not been invented.

Shareholder's Suggestions.

When the Chairman asked if shareholders wished to put any questions, Mr. Frank Austin said:—I would like to add my appreciation to the many excellent remarks now being shown by the Hotel Company. There are one or two things that I would like to suggest for the consideration of the Board of Directors in connection with the affairs of the Company.

I have seen this Company grow from the time when Mr. Taggart first joined it, and I have seen it grow into a very big organisation. In connection with this I would like to make the suggestion that it might be a good thing for the Hotel Company to concentrate their efforts in Hong Kong. It seems to me that to run a successful organisation like this, with hotels in Shanghai and Peking, is a very big and difficult task. I suggest that when the opportunity arises the Company should get out of their commitments in Shanghai and Peking and that they should concentrate entirely on Hong Kong. I think that the opportunities here are many and give them a very wide scope. It may be that this has already been done, but I think it would be a good plan to arrange to hire from Gloucester Building a number of their upper floor rooms for bedrooms to serve the Hong Kong Hotel.

With the funds that they would realise by selling their Shanghai and Peking properties, the Company would have the opportunity of adding to their local undertakings and constructing a new Peak Hotel. I venture to say that there is a great opportunity waiting for the Company with a real good Peak Hotel.

Chairman's Reply.

Mr. Taggart replied that if Mr. Austin could see the figures available since the turn of the tide in the North, he might not be so anxious to dispose of the properties there. The Company was naturally always prepared to consider an offer for sale, but he could disperse a prevalent rumour by saying that the Company was not going to beat a hasty retreat from Shanghai. The Peak Hotel reconstruction scheme was under consideration, Mr. Taggart said, but he did not think alterations would be begun until the Company was on the credit side with the Bank. This would probably be at the end of next year. He did not think the Company would benefit much from the Gloucester Building suggestion. The report and statement of accounts was then unanimously adopted.

Other Business.

Mr. G. H. Potts proposed and Mr. M. H. Lo seconded that the appointment of Sir Robert Ho Tung as director be confirmed, and that Mr. E. M. Raymond be re-appointed a director. This was carried. Mr. J. Gould proposed and Mr. J. P. Bragg seconded that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors at a fee of \$4,000. This was also carried.

Mr. Taggart thanked the shareholders for their presence and said that dividend warrants could be obtained on application at the secretary's office.

These present were:—Messrs. J. H. Taggart (Chairman), J. Scott Harrison, A. Cameron, E. M. Raymond (directors), P. H. Suckling (general manager) and F. C. Barry (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. Frank Austin, J. E. Joseph, M. Brierley, M. Carr, Chan Tung Sheng, E. W. van Epps, W. J. M. Pignatello, R. Gordon, J. P. Bragg, J. Gould, F. A. Joseph, J. E. Joseph, Leo Chow Ying, Lo Man Hun, P. J. Newman, U. M. Omar, T. R. Parsons, G. H. Potts, A. W. Smith, O. F. Ribeiro, J. H. Ruttenberg, O. E. White, P. Silva, Tai Yau Cheung, M. A. Xavier, A. Zimmerman.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

POINTS FROM THE 1930 REPORT.

STABILISATION OF THE DOLLAR NOT FAVOURED.

The report for the year 1930 of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce begins with the following remarks on the currency question:—

During the first six months of the year the steady decline in exchange deterred Chinese buyers from entering into fresh commitments, and demand was met, to a large extent, by stocks imported during 1929 and earlier, at more favourable exchange rates. As stocks became exhausted, and exchange, during the second half of the year, remained steady at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d., considerable business was put through. Lower prices of raw materials and keen competition amongst suppliers of cotton goods and metals led to a reduction in prices which largely offset the drop in exchange. The advantage which the fall in the value of silver currency was expected to give to export trade was not in fact experienced, because of lack of interest on the part of buying markets abroad, due to depressed industrial conditions and the accumulation of stocks. The slump has also adversely affected China Coastal shipping.

Japanese Competition.

Japanese competition still increases in intensity and scope, and has practically driven cheaper lines of British cotton piece-goods from the market. Considerable participation by Chinese mills is now apparent, and increasing competition from that quarter must be reckoned with. The British Economic Mission to the Far East, appointed to enquire into the possibilities of developing British trade in this part of the world, arrived in China and Japan during the period under review, and investigated Hong Kong trading conditions during February, 1931. The report of the Mission is awaited with great interest.

Against Stabilisation.

The sharp fall in the value of the Hong Kong dollar in recent months has naturally led to discussion of the possibilities of stabilising the currency of the Colony on a gold standard. When asked by the Government for its views, your Committee expressed the opinion that, Hong Kong being commercially part of China, a change from a silver currency would be inadvisable while China remains on a silver standard. The Committee joined with the Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, in requesting the China Association to make representations to the British Government in favour of international action on the whole question of silver, particularly as afflicting China trade and the country's ability to meet its obligations.

Shipping Survey Regulations.

The Government on February 2, 1931, forwarded for the consideration of the Chamber, copy of a report by Government Marine Surveyors on the suggestions contained in the Chamber's letter of March, 13, 1930, for modifying in respect of local shipping the requirements contained in Board of Trade Regulations for the Construction and Survey of Passenger Steamships and for the Survey of Life Saving Appliances. Government also notified that no final decision regarding the adaptation of the above-mentioned regulations to local conditions could be arrived at pending the Conference to be held at Simla in May, 1931, at which representatives from Hong Kong would be present for the purpose of considering the application in the Far East of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1929.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT: EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS.

A proposal to bring into force in respect of ships registered in this Colony certain sections of the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act, 1925, regulating the employment on board ship of persons under the age of eighteen years, was submitted to the Chamber for its views by the Colonial Government on July 14, 1930. The matter was considered by the Shipping Sub-Committee, and it was pointed out that the proposed regulations would not affect ships registered elsewhere and engaging a crew in Hong Kong. A ship registered in London, for instance, would be subject to Board of Trade rules as regards the engagement of crew. The Chamber replied on September 17, stating that no objection was raised to the introduction locally of the sections of the Act under reference, subject to special provision in the matter of river-steamers similar to that adopted in respect of the coastal trade of India and Japan, and incorporated in paragraph (c) of Article 8 of the draft Convention set out in Part II of the First Schedule to the Act. In this connection, the attention of Government was drawn to Section 6 of the Act, which provided that an Order in Council might apply the Act to a British Possession subject to modifications and adaptations.

The Twelfth Triennial Congress of the Federation, which was held at the Guildhall, London, in May, 1930, was of special importance in view of the fact that it met immediately prior to the Imperial Conference. As an affiliated body, this Chamber was invited to nominate a delegate, and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, of Messrs. Matheson & Co., Ltd., London, (a past Chairman) kindly consented to represent Hong Kong at the Congress. A full report of the proceedings at the Conference is available for the inspection of members.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The matter was considered by the Price Goods Sub-Committee of this Chamber, which was of opinion that so far as Hong Kong was concerned no alteration was called for in the terms of the existing contract, but recommended that the Manchester and Bradford Chambers be requested to draw the attention of Members to the fact that the ten days' allowance in question constituted a period of grace which should only be availed of in exceptional circumstances.

PIECE GOODS: THE "CHINA CONTRACT".

The British Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, forwarded for the consideration of this Chamber in September, 1930, copies of correspondence exchanged with the Manchester and Bradford Chambers on the subject of the Shanghai Chamber's suggestion (a) to delete the clause in the "China Contract" providing for a period of 10 days' grace over and above the stipulated time of shipment, and (b) to amend Clause 7 to read "Bills of Lading date only shall be conclusive evidence of shipment."

(Continued on next Column.)

"BLOWING" FOR A LIVING.

NEW JOB FOR WOMEN.

Hundreds of women in London are blowing for a living.

They earn good money, too. They are employed "blowing" glass and shaping it into thermometers, scientific, surgical and chemical apparatus, valves for wireless, and other forms of glass ware.

A woman who possesses fine judgment and can use her lung pressure skillfully to blow through a melting tube of glass and convert a "bulge" into a beautiful cylinder of the right dimensions can earn £3 a week. In one London workshop alone there are 80 young women employed "blowing" thermometers.

"Plenty of girls apply for the work, but only a small percentage prove suitable after a trial for training to become expert glass-blowers," it was stated. "A specialist can always find employment. It is rather remarkable that we can never fill a vacancy through the Labour Exchanges, but if we insert an advertisement in the newspapers we always get applicants for the job."

"The most reliable and expert glass-blowers are those who look to the work on leaving school and were trained for years through all stages."

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The Manchester Chamber replied that the views expressed would be brought to the notice of its China and Far East Executive Committee.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of APRIL, 1931, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty's Lands, for one further term of 75 years.

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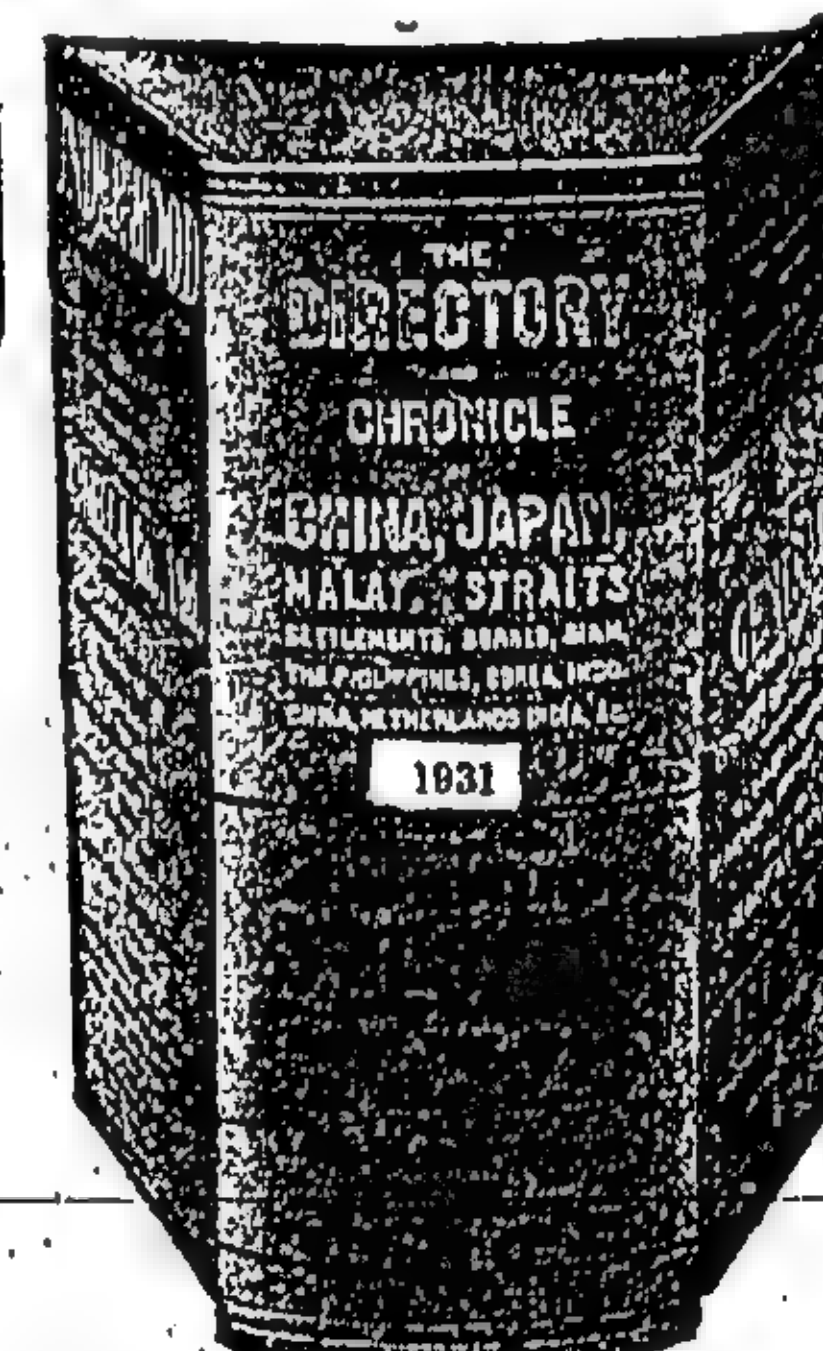
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AUSTRO-GERMAN CUSTOMS UNION.

DR. CURTIS TO EXPLAIN ITS MOTIVES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

Rome, April 15.
In the House of Commons, replying to a number of questions on the proposed Austro-German Customs Union, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Henderson, said he was in consultation with the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Graham, on the economic aspects of the proposed Union.

A Geneva telegram to-night says Dr. Curtius has intimated to the League Secretariat that he will explain the motives of the Austro-German agreement in the European Committee on May 15, in a discussion on the future of the Commercial Convention drafted by the Conference for economic action in March last year.

AUSTRALIA'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

BRITAIN CHANTS WAR DEBT RELIEF.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 15.
In response to a request by the Commonwealth Government in view of the Commonwealth's financial difficulties, His Majesty's Government have agreed that the payments by the Commonwealth to Great Britain under the War Debt Funding Agreement of 1921, amounting to £5,500,000, shall be reduced by over £1,000,000 during each of the next two financial years, beginning September 30 next.

The period of the repayment of the principle of the debt will be extended by a period of two years.

This was announced in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Dominions Secretary, who added that the Australian Government had expressed appreciation of the friendly spirit of the offer, which had been accepted.

STABILISATION OF SILVER VALUES.

SENATOR PITTMAN COMING TO CHINA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, April 15.
Senator Key Pittman, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and chairman of the committee which has been urging the President to call an international conference for the rehabilitation of silver values, announced that he is leaving for China within a month to study the silver depression effects and trade conditions in China.

The Commission has also directed Senators Connally and Shipstead to leave for Europe shortly to confer with European Governments on the silver question.

POISON-GAS WAVE SWEEPS LIEGE DISTRICT.

INHABITANTS UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, April 15.
The cloud of strange poison-gas which caused a number of deaths in the Liege district a few months ago re-visited Tilleur, near Liege, to-day.

Many inhabitants had to be medically assisted.

The emanation of the gas extended over a distance of about 15 miles.

WOMAN PLEADS FOR MAN SHE BEFRIENDED.

"WALL OF DEATH" RIDER.

A woman pleaded for leniency in Southern Police Court for a man who was charged with stealing her £20 diamond ring.

The man was Valentino Lupino, a 29-year-old show manager.

Mrs. Beatrice Lambert, of Bedford-avenue, Westcliff, the owner of the ring, said that she had befriended Lupino for five and a half years. She added:

"I beg of you, have mercy on him. He has had very bad luck for years. I am frightfully sorry for him."

Lupino said that something came over him to get his own back after a quarrel, and he intended to give the ring back.

The police report was that Lupino's correct name was Archibald Prior. He had been to Boreham, and had been convicted of housebreaking and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. He had been working the south-west of England with a show known as the "Wall of Death."

The chairman said that Lupino had battled against temptation since 1927, and they would bind him over for two years.

ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

ALEXANDRIA

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

Haiching, Douglas, April 17.
Antung, B. & S., April 20.
Tientsin, B. & S., April 21.
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Tientsin, B. & S., April 26.
Tientsin, B. & S., April 27.
Tientsin, B. & S., April 28.
Tientsin, B. & S., April 29.
Tientsin, B. & S., April 30.

ANTWERP

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 19.
Selandia, Manners, April 20.
Soudan, P. & O., May 2.
Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.
Danmark, Manners, May 11.
Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 16.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Changto, B. & S., April 21.
Kama Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.
Nellere, E. & A., May 7.
Tientsin, B. & S., May 10.
Kama Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

SALTIC PORTS

Selandia, Manners, April 20.
Danmark, Manners, May 11.

BALTIMORE

Tweedbank, Bank, May 4.

BARCELONA

Kakani, B. & S., April 10.
Lianchow, B. & S., April 21.
Kwangtung, B. & S., April 20.

BARCELONA

Burgeland, Jenson, April 22.
Fulda, Melchers, May 2.

BELAWAN-DELL

Van Heutz, J.C.J.L., April 23.

BOMBAY

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Tanjana Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.
Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., April 30.
Kiddopore, P. & O., May 5.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.
Comorin, P. & O., May 23.

BOSTON

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.
Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.
Tanjana Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.
Tweedbank, Bank, May 4.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.
Siamese Prince, Furness, May 19.
Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

BREMEN

Franken, Melchers, April 25.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.
Trave, Melchers, May 17.

BRINDISI

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.
Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.
Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.

CALCUTTA

Talpa, B.I., April 18.

Yuenan, Jardine's, April 21.
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., April 20.

Takada, B.I., May 5.
Kunshan, Jardine's, May 8.

Sirdhana, B.I., May 13.
Tilawa, B.I., May 27.

CASABLANCA

Perseus, B.F., April 23.

Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

CHEFOO

Kueichow, B. & S., April 16.

Kueichow, B. & S., April 21.
Huichow, B. & S., May 1.

COLOMBO

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Anchises, B.F., April 21.

Rajputana, P. & O., April 25.

Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.

Felix Roussel, M.M., April 28.

Yamagata Maru, N.Y.K., April 30.

Soudan, P. & O., May 2.

Terukuni Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Glencoe, Jardine's, May 3.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Kiddopore, P. & O., May 5.

Kalyan, P. & O., May 9.

Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.

Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.

Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

General Metzinger, M.M., May 12.

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.

Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.

Perseus, B.F., May 17.

Duisburg, Jenson, May 23.

FOOCHOW

Haiching, Douglas, April 17.

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Chipping, Jardine's, April 20.

Huichow, B. & S., May 1.

Cheongshing, Jardine's, May 10.

GENOA

Pilana, Dodwell's, April 19.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Tanjana Maru, N.Y.K., April 27.

Burgeland, Jenson, April 22.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Vogland, Jenson, May 9.

Col. di Lana, Dodwell's, May 10.

Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

Tanjana Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.

Cracovia, Dodwell's, May 17.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

Duisburg, Jenson, May 23.

Elpenor, B.F., May 20.

GLASGOW

Teiresias, B.F., April 20.

Aeneas, B.F., May 12.

Elpenor, B.F., May 20.

GOTHENBURG

Nanking, Gilman's, May 12.

Haiphong and Hoikow.

Lianchow, B. & S., April 21.

Kueichow, B. & S., April 24.

Kingyuan, B. & S., May 8.

HAMBURG

Selandia, Manners, April 20.

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HONOLULU

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Tristana Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

JAPAN PORTS

Hakusan Maru, N.Y.K., April 17.

Kunshan, Jardine's, April 17.

Burdwan, P. & O., April 18.

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Chinese Prince, Furness, April 21.

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Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

NEW YORK BOSTON

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

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LOS ANGELES

Tai Ping Yang, Dodwell's, April 18.

Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., April 22.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 23.

Chichibu Maru, N.Y.K., April 29.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.

Tatsuta Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.

Rakuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

MANILA

Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., April 18.

Pres. Adams, Dollar, April 19.

Changto, B. & S., April 21.

Pres. Grant, A.M.L., April 21.

Kama Maru, N.Y.K., April 23.

Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, April 23.

Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., April 23.

Nellere, E. & A., May 7.

Fulda, Melchers, May 2.

Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, May 12.

Pres. Madison, Dollar, May 9.

Trukunian, J.C.J.L., May 17.

Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 17.

Pres. Pierce, Dollar, May 19.

Taiping, B. & S., May 19.

Kilang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

MARSHALLS

Hakozaki Maru, N.Y.K., April 18.

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WAPLES

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NEWORWANG

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Hupoh, B. & S., April 27.

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Pres. Harrison, Dollar, May 3.

Siamese Prince, Furness, May 19.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

NORTH CHINA PORTS

Trave, Melchers, April 19.

Harpodon, B.F., May 2.

Tanjana Maru, N.Y.K., May 2.

Trier, Melchers, May 5.

Mosel, Melchers, May 15.

Asuka Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.

PAKEOL

Kueichow, B. & S., April 24.

Kingyuan, B. & S., May 8.

PAKAMA

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37.—In his lexicon Lyra was illustrated (hidden).

38.—A single state—according to Shakespeare.

Down.

2.—Stagger.

3.—This must be taken—except, of course, when sound asleep.

4.—Oh, yes, a baby generally is.

5.—With what part of the landscape should a picture-framer be familiar.

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